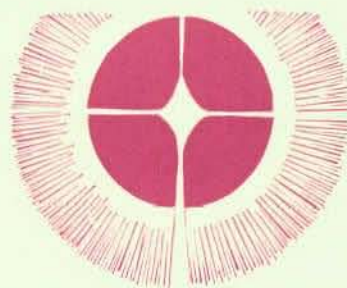


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nce again, we pause in the midst of the busy flow of life to celebrate another Christmastide. Once again we hail the "joyous season" in a world weighed down by the darkness of war, yet searching desperately for the light of peace.

We find a faint flickering of that light, in remembering that the Birth of the Savior of Mankind has outlined and over-shadowed the greatest wars fought through 2000 years. In that knowledge men find new courage and hope, that peace can and will come to the world. That hope is the prayer of us all

And now, we your officers wish to extend to every member of our Brotherhood a warm, personal wish for a happy Christmas to you and yours, and peace and joy in the year ahead. In spirit we clasp your hand and ask the Holy Babe of Bethlehem to bless you everyone.



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I.B.E.W. on the Toy Line



Famous Noma Talking Doll can sing, recite rhymes and otherwise spellbind youngsters. Below is closeup of speaker which is her "larynx."



IT wasn't so very many years ago that a little girl rushing downstairs on Christmas morning delightedly enfolded a rag doll with a shiny china head to a grateful breast, and little boys could hardly wait to play with their wind-up trains.

But all things change with the years, and along with the revolutionary developments in streamline autos and diesel engines, playthings for children have become miracle toys. We live in an electronics age and so along with every field that electronics has invaded it has also come to Toyland. And that's where many of our Brothers and Sisters in manufacturing locals all over this country and Canada come in. IBEW members stand high on the list of Santa's helpers this year. The pictures on these pages show members of L.U. 3, New York at work making two of the most sought-after toys of this Christmas season.

They are employed by the Noma

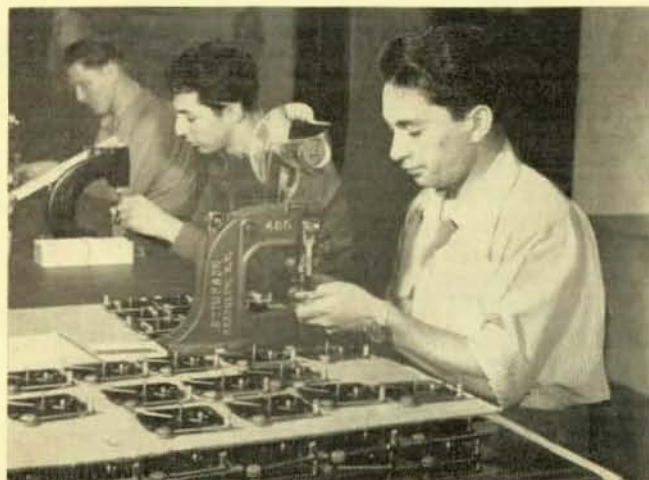
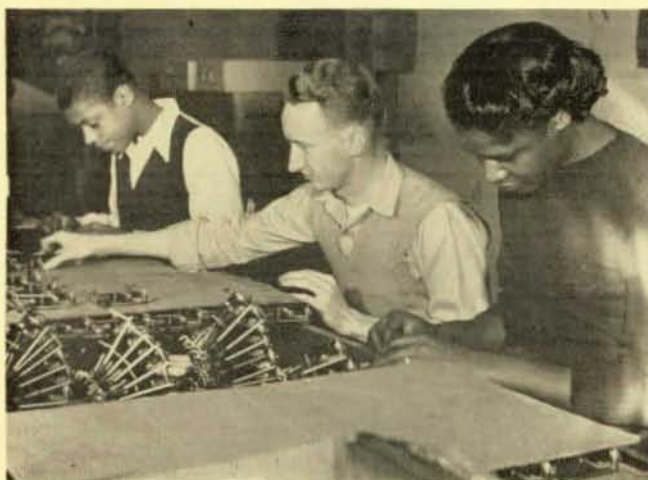
Electric Corporation and are producing the intricate electronic mechanism that goes into the Noma Talking Doll and the remarkable little Noma Railway Station which actually calls the trains, their destination and tracks for all the world like the communications center of Grand Central Station.

The famous Noma Talking Doll speaks with a clarity of voice and on such a variety of subjects that it is amazing. "Noma" recites nursery rhymes, sings songs and says her prayers. The talking mechanism is an ingeniously designed device that resembles a small victrola. Precision assembly makes possible the amazing clearness of tone when "Noma" speaks.

The Brothers and Sisters of Local 3 use watchmaking skill in making sure each part is properly tested and installed in this precision mechanism that is the heart of the Noma Talking Doll.

Our members of Local 1212 employed at the United Nations As-

Below are scenes from precision assembly line as speaker and recording apparatus are installed in talking doll. Device resembles a small victrola.

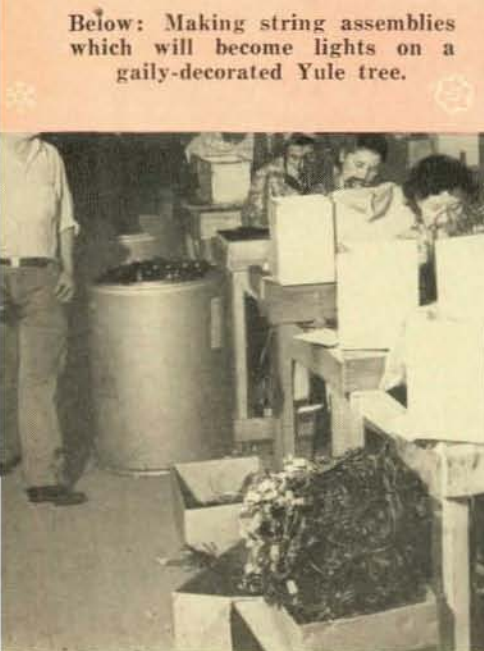




Above: Fluorescent lamps are packed in Christmas lighting sets being readied for export.



Plastic Santas passing through the assembly line ready for finishing.



Below: Making string assemblies which will become lights on a gaily-decorated Yule tree.



Above: Illuminated miniature altar will bring spirit of season to homes.

Below: Noma "talking" railroad station announces train departures.



sembly have nothing on the members of Local 3 when it comes to international flair, for they help to manufacture dolls that speak French, Spanish and Italian as well as English.

In spite of the fact that the units which go into the talking dolls are delicate and precise, they are built to withstand all the wear and tear that the little doll mothers usually administer, from the bear hugs to occasional spankings. The entire talking unit is housed in a plastic box and then set into the

chest portion of the doll. An attractive dress covers the body and when a concealed button is pushed the doll begins at once "My name is Noma," and proceeds to go through her repertoire of rhymes and songs just like a real child.

The small plastic electronic railway announcing station that gives forth such familiar calls as "Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York—train now leaving on Track Nine. All aboard!" is just as fascinating a toy as "Noma" for the potential



Left: In San Francisco plant, IBEW member separates newly-formed heads for small dolls.

Below: Another IBEW member assembles parts to produce the finished doll "anatomy."



railroad men of the American family. This is the plaything which won the prize as the outstanding toy of the year last season. Its records are also made in different languages.

Members of Local 3 not only make the talking mechanism for this unusual toy as shown in our photographs but manufacture the entire colorful housing unit—the small station manufactured from thermoplastic material.

The Noma Electric Corporation is best known as the largest manufacturer of Christmas tree lights and illuminated holiday decorations in the world, and it has numerous plants employing our members in cities all over the country.

Amazing as it may seem, one out of every three incandescent lamps sold for the home usage is a Christmas tree lamp. With the development of plastic materials, many new striking decorations are now available for the first time at a low price. Our readers will be glad to know that many of the large colorfully illuminated candy canes, snow men and Santa figures which you purchased in your local store to light your windows and lawns for Christmas, were made by fellow members of the IBEW.

The public has become wary of imported strings of lights of low quality. Officials of our local unions and management have long cooperated in the proper training of members to assure the best possible manufacturing standards. All Noma products are listed with the Underwriters' Laboratory.

Pictures reproduced for you here were taken at the Noma factory in New York where at peak season about 500 members of Local 3 are employed. Mr. Lewis Solomon is shop steward. The following members appeared in photographs taken by our staff photographer: Jamie Moscoso, Edward Zarnowski, Henry Perez, John O'Connor, Elizabeth Greene, John Portiere, Erwin Schlein, C. Staltore and Ivan Blyznak.

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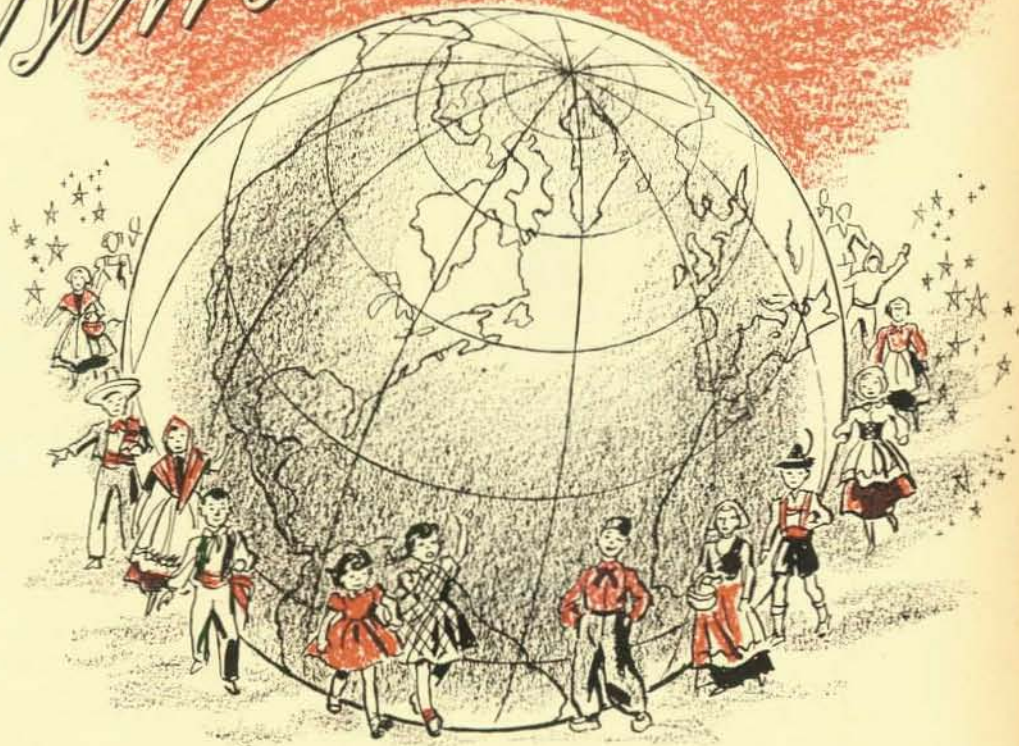
Left: A close-up of the interior of Noma's talking device, which will serenade many tots soon.

Below: Technician checks efficiency of one of the Noma units to insure best possible results.



Christmas

Around the World



"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel."

AS THE time drew near that the prophecy should be fulfilled, a great luminous star appeared in the East as a sign that all people of the earth should prepare their hearts for the coming of the Holy Babe. And wisemen followed the star, knowing that it would lead them to their King.

Then, on that wondrous night when Bethlehem lay bathed in the soft white peace of God, choirs of angels appeared singing Glorias in a music which was great beauty to hear. And being filled with a sweet, warm joy, lowly shepherds took up staff and, carrying the smallest lambs, went hastening to adore their infant Saviour.

And they found "the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

This was the first Christmas morn when all nature awoke re-

freshed as if the vigor of the earth's first spring once more surged vibrantly through wood and field. This was the new Eden-time, in which the dread machines of war were forgotten, and the world was wrapped in love. For the Day-Spring—Christ, the Lord, had come in humbleness to man.

And every year this tired world has known since then, Christmas has returned to the heart of man, to wash his spirit young again. And man has joined in a whole-hearted celebration of this festival "that sees December turned to May," this day that is dedicated to peace and love—to the young things of the spirit.

From generation to generation and from nation to nation customs have grown up around the melody of Christmas, enhancing it, adding

tone on tone, constantly repeating it, until Christmas is a rich symphonic creation whose vibrant strains sound from the heart of each nation in a special way.

Now, once more, the Christmas star is high in the cold-bright heavens. Let us follow this star as it traces a timeless course to bring Christmas around the world.

As the star moves across the heavens to hover above the British Isles, we recall that in past times, Christmas was celebrated in a grand fashion throughout the length and breadth of Merrie England. In even the smallest towns, mummers or maskers went about in fantastic costumes to entertain the people. In huge manor houses, a Lord of Misrule was the master of ceremonies who kept the celebrations lively. A lighted candle

was placed in the windows of every home to tell the carolers where to sing. And anyone seeking shelter where the candle beckoned, was always admitted in the name of the Christ Child.

Today some of these old customs are still preserved in England. One of the most famous of these is the burning of the Yule Log on Christmas Eve. In many homes a Yule Cake is made, and candles placed on the cake, one for each member of the family, are lighted on Christmas Day.

Crossing over into Europe, we see all Spain holding fiesta on Christmas Eve. At midnight everyone goes to Church, at least all those who have done a good deed for someone. No one may enter until he has done his charitable act. Shoes are left on doorsteps for the three Wisemen to fill with gifts. Christmas Day is spent at home where the feast bowl is prepared for close relatives.

In France, where Saint Nicholas once rode through streets scattering gifts to his friends the children, his visit is eagerly awaited annually. Christmas is called Noel

here, and every house has its own crèche around which the family gathers on Christmas to sing carols. From Midnight Mass, the French return to the gala feast of Reveillon.

The children of Holland fill shoes with carrots and hay for Sint Niess' horse and leave their shoes near chimneys to be filled with gifts. The bishop arrives from the south on December sixth and rides over rooftops on a white horse accompanied by a little blackamoor called Black Pete who carries the presents.

Our star now travels over Scandinavia, where St. Lucia is remembered at Christmas time. A Lucia queen, named in honor of this Christian maiden burned at the stake during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, is elected in each Swedish town and rules from December 13 until January 13. Dressed in a white robe and wearing a headdress of several lighted candles the Lucia queen calls each evening at a number of homes to tell the Christmas story. Christmas morning dawns with a grand sled party to church. Afterward,

everyone visits friends and refills the tree with goodies.

Jule-Nissen, the Santa Claus of Scandinavia, pays his visits on Christmas Eve in Denmark after the family leaves him a bowl of porridge. At five a.m. the whole family goes to Church to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Babe. Here, as elsewhere in Scandinavia, the lovely custom of saving grain from the harvest for the birds on Christmas is followed. Placed on a long pole this grain is known as the bird's Christmas tree.

In Germany, where the Christmas tree is said to have originated, the Nativity scene is always placed around the base of the tree. In Western Germany, St. Nicholas' Day is celebrated with great fairs, and figurines of St. Nicholas and the angels are sold. Kris Kringle brings gifts.

Christkindli is the lovely angel who appears throughout Switzerland on Christmas Eve in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. The angel brings the tree, apples, oranges, nuts and cookies to each family. Then everyone gathers around the tree singing carols; gifts are



Most American youngsters get their first glimpse of Santa Claus in the toy department of a local store.



Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with carrots and hay for Sint Niclass' horse, get gifts in return.

opened and the Christmas story is read.

From high in the heavens, the star sees children in many parts of Europe, dressed up as characters in the Nativity drama, and wandering from house to house on Christmas Eve, singing carols, and collecting small presents for their trouble. They carry Krippen, little cribs with figurines representing the manger scene.

First Manger Scene

But it was from Italy in the 13th century that we first received the idea of having a manger scene to re-tell each year the story of the Nativity. In parts of Italy, the people participate in a living tableaux of the manger of Praesepe. Shepherds come down from the mountains into Rome singing and playing their bagpipes. They play before the carpenter shops in special deference to Joseph.

At St. Marks Cathedral in Naples it is a special custom to take dogs to church on Christmas morning. And another tradition, (reminiscent of the boy bishops that ruled throughout Europe during the Christmas seasons of the Middle Ages), is the practice carried

out in the village of Positano, where a young boy is chosen each year to deliver the sermon at Midnight Mass.

But now the star travels on to the unhappy, thorn-strewn part of its course, where it shines more brightly as if trying to force God's light into that part of the world ruled by evil-dark minds. For there are many countries this Christmas of 1952, where lovely customs and soft Christmas warmth and love will be strangled by the cold iron hand of our modern-day Herods.

The smothering bile of communism has run and oozed from the monster's greedy and slovenly mouth until it has sickly flowed over many countries of a saddened world. Russia, where Babushka used to come on the feast of the Epiphany, searching for the Christ Child and bringing gifts for all little children, will know a Christmas as bleak as the reaches of the Siberian wastes. Here, where a young man from every town would

call at each house announcing jubilantly, "Christ is born," the wind will wait in vain to carry the words of hope and joy.

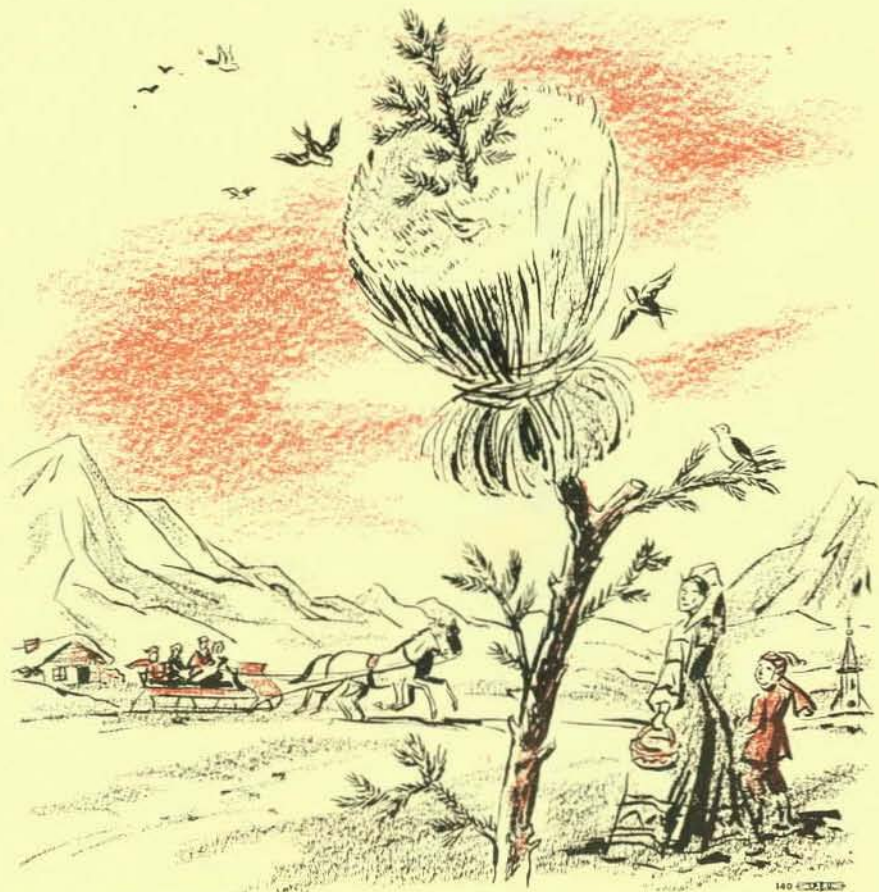
The people of Poland would happily gather around an out-of-doors Nativity scene. Shepherds always came to worship at the humble stable buried in the snow, while children gathered around to sing Christmas carols.

Political Celebrations

In Hungary where Midnight Mass drew devout congregations to pack churches to the door, religious holidays have been changed to political celebrations.

In Finland, little children would cut pine boughs and make a carpet leading into the village for the Christ Child. But in that part of the nation ceded to Russia, for whose rough step will the children listen now?

And with whom will the children of Czechoslovakia now pray? They have been accustomed to saying their prayers for Svaty Mieu-



Scandinavians bind sheaves of grain to a long pole for a birds' Christmas tree.



In France, Saint Nicholas once rode through the streets scattering gifts to children along the way.

las who would come on December sixth loaded with gifts and conducted by a white-clad angel.

The star moves away sadly, but not in despair, from these unhappy lands. For the Christ Child will come in a very special way to these children, and a sacred peace will come to the hearts of those of good will in all persecuted countries.

And how tenderly will the Holy Babe come to the hearts of these people who have suffered so much. He will come, and Joseph and Mary with him. The shepherds—the lowly ones—will hear the heavenly choir, and love and peace will flow once more from heart to heart of them that live not for this world alone.

Galloping Horseman

The star pauses now above the joyful scene in the Holy Land where a galloping horseman holding aloft a streaming banner heralds the coming of the magnificent procession which carries a statue of the Christ Child through the streets of Bethlehem to lay it in the manger where Christ was born. For here, in the grotto of the Church of the Nativity, marked by a silver star, is the site of the birth of Jesus.

Then, hurrying along, the star

passes over lands to unhappy China, where those that were Christians were once free to decorate Christmas trees with paper flowers, paper chains, and cotton snowflakes to make a "Tree of Light," and to distribute gifts and fruits typical of the Holy Land to children.

In Japan, Hoteisho goes forth carrying a pack like Kris Kringle's, full of gifts. He has eyes in the back of his head so that he may always see the children.

As the star passes swiftly over oceans we see the Filipino children, wearing colorful wreaths and chains, taking part in festive Christmas parades. Homes are decorated with flags, bunting, and palms, and a candle is kept burning in windows all night.

We come now to our southern neighbors who keep Christmas with outdoor picnics and frolics. Here it is the belief, as it is in many lands, that on Christmas Eve animals are endowed with speech because they were present at the birth of Christ.

The Mexican people join in allegorical parades during the holiday season. With elaborate floats and taper-bearing paraders singing carols, processions wind through the streets of town and cities for eight evenings seeking

admittance to a home for Joseph and Mary. On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony is conducted about the straw-filled manger (known as posada or resting place).

Children receive their gifts from an earthenware jar, "pinata," shaped like a face or an animal, which must be broken with a stick to let a shower of good things fall around the delighted children. Midnight Mass on Christmas is observed throughout Latin America.

Now the star rests above our own land where in the fastness of our homes, surrounded by our loved ones "heart calleth unto heart" in the mystical harmony of Christmas Day. And prayerfully our thoughts go out toward the far away, but all too heart-close battlefields of Korea where the Holy Child will walk sorrowing beside his people.

Journey's End

Here the star must end its journey. But from its light flows the hope that this Christmas Eve, when "the bird of dawning singeth all night long," he will sing of a new birth of brotherhood among men, of a new Maytime in this tired, tired world, when all men will truly love the Holy Child.



Above: The Lord, as portrayed by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.



The Old, Old Story

ONCE again it's the Christmas season, and in pulpit and home the country over, the "Old, Old Story" of Jesus and His love will be told and retold. The Divine story of the Bible has been enlightening men and encouraging them and making this world a better place to live in for more than 2,000 years. Best sellers may come and best sellers may go, but year after year, the Holy Bible tops every other book written for number of sales. Have you ever stopped to think how it all came about, and how the Divine Word of God came to be so well known and distributed so widely?

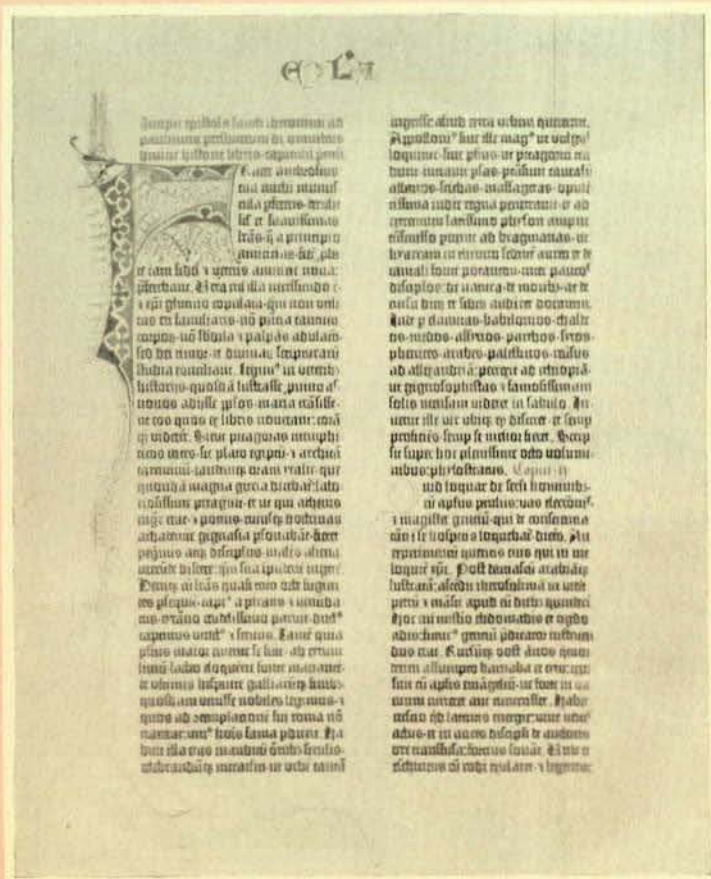
A short time ago, in cities throughout our country, services were held hailing two very special contributions to our religious world. One was the introduction, to the Protestant sect, of the revision of the King James Version of

the Bible. The second was two fold. First, it marked the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the printing, by Johann Gutenberg, of the Catholic Vulgate Bible, and secondly, it marked the publication by the Catholic Church, of eight books of the Old Testament newly translated from the original language.

But, this story does not start here, it goes back many, many years for its beginning. Let us go back to the year 382, and learn about "The Old, Old Story."

It was in this year that Eusebius Hieronimus Sophronius, better known as Saint Jerome, became





Above: First page from the Gutenberg Bible, showing its ornate letters.

Below: The earliest known "portrait" of Johann Gutenberg from a woodcut.



them word for word by hand. Monks patiently and painstakingly performed this tedious job with pen and ink onto parchment. And if it had not been for these men performing this task, these great ecclesiastical writings would have died with the years.

Needless to say, this method of manuscript copying took much time, and as a result only a few copies were accessible to the people. It was not until the 15th Century that a way was found to speed this copying—a method whereby books could be printed from a machine.

Man of Vision

Johann Gutenberg was the first man of the western world to vision the mechanical reproduction of characters for use in printing books. Born of a patrician family in either 1398 or 1399 in Mainz, Germany, Gutenberg put his experience as a goldsmith and engraver to advantage and produced the first "movable" type. He cut letter patterns on small steel rods—*patrices*, dies were then made and were impressed on some soft metal (copper) producing *matrices* which were cast in moulds in such a manner as to form the "face" and "body" of the type at one operation.

After much financial difficulty and many experiments, Gutenberg began in 1450 to print his first book,—the Latin Vulgate edition of the Bible. He completed his work in 1455 or 1456 and gave to the world the first book printed on movable types—the famous 42-line Latin Bible, the Gutenberg Bible. He reproduced the actual forms of the original handwriting, retaining in his print all the artistic beauty of the handwritten let-



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the Secretary of the Roman Council. And it was while he was serving this office that Pope Damasus urged Saint Jerome to make a thorough retranslation into Latin of the Scriptures from the original Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek manuscripts.

Work of Jerome

Jerome consented to the wishes of the Pope and began his task. Leaving Rome, he went to a monastery in Bethlehem where he devoted the major portion of his life to the translation of the Old and New Testaments. In 404 A.D. at the age of 58, Jerome completed the entire translation. Known as Vulgate, because its language was the Latin of the people, (*vulgus*, Latin word meaning "the public") it became universally used by the eighth century.

During this time the only means of producing books was to copy

ters—each character standing out with a remarkable clearness and each page spaced to perfection. It was truly a masterpiece of the calligraphic art.

Of the estimated 200 Bibles Gutenberg first printed, only 46 exist today, with the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., having the best preserved edition printed on vellum. It has the double columns, and is printed in black and red letters with the capital letters ornamented by hand in red and blue. The first nine pages contain 40 lines, the tenth 41, and the remainder 42 to the column, which explains the fact that the Gutenberg Bible is often referred to as the "42-line Bible."

Experimental

This variation in line length is thought to be the result of experiments of Gutenberg in trying to find the best way of fitting his ma-

terial to the size of the sheet and to the manuscript from which he was copying the text.

The Vatican Library has two of the original Gutenberg Bibles. In the United States there are 13 copies; in Germany, there are 11; Great Britain, eight; France, four; Spain, two; and one in Austria, Denmark, Poland, Portugal, Scotland and Switzerland.

Historical Landmark

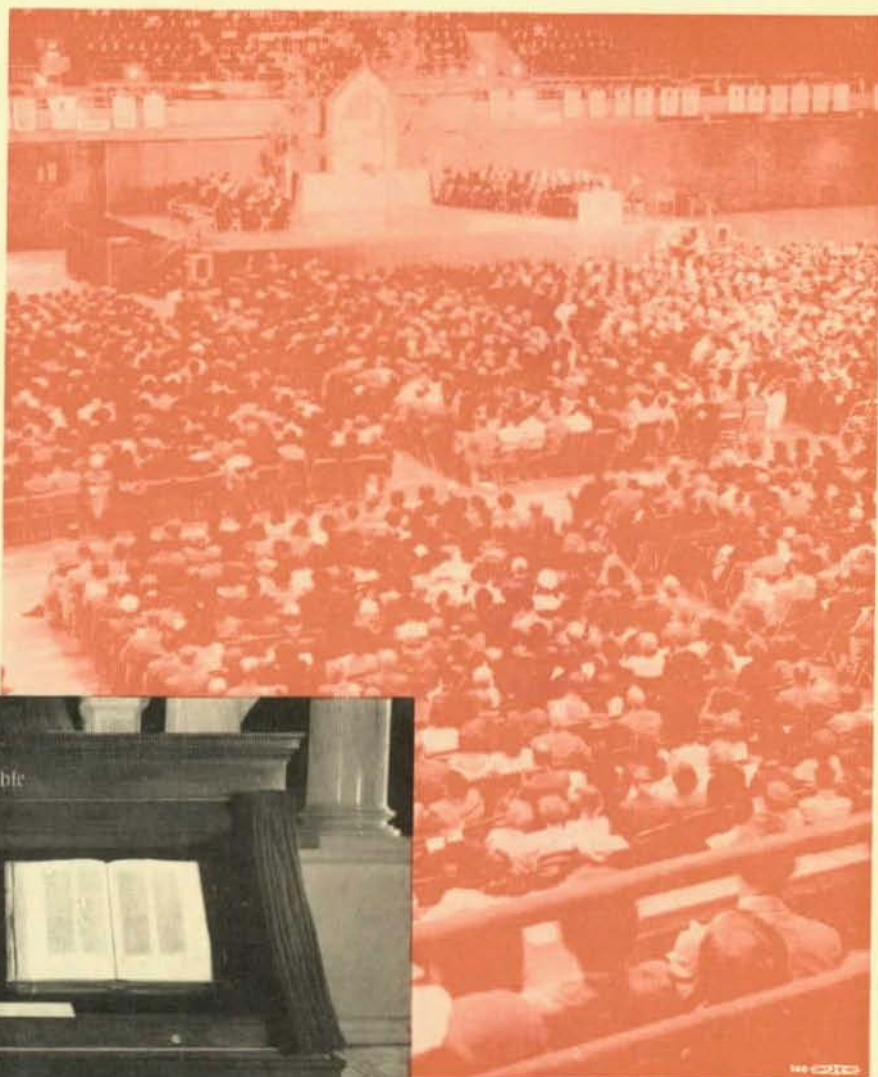
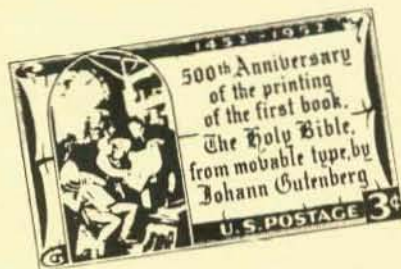
Gutenberg's Bible ranks as one of the landmarks in the history of civilization and its production marked the solution to many of

the problems involved in finding the right materials and processes for manufacturing a complete book and then producing that book in quantity.

161 Languages

Today, the Bible is printed in 161 different languages and in the year 1950, the total number distributed was 11,056,584. Of the 300 languages and dialects now spoken, the Bible has been translated into 260 of them, proving that although an old, old story, it carries in its pages a message to each of us.

Below: The Post Office Department commemorates printing's 500th anniversary by issuing this stamp.



Above: Persons of all faiths gathered recently in Washington to study the revised version of the Bible.



Left: The Gutenberg Bible, hermetically sealed and well guarded, is on display at the Library of Congress.

Editorial

by J. SCOTT MILNE, Editor

Of Christmas and Life

Once more we enter the Christmas season and once more man renews faith and finds new hope in the fountain of the Christmas Story—and for a few hours at least that peace and good will which men long for, come a little nearer to us all.

Once more Brothers and Sisters, it is time to take stock of our lives—to find out where we have failed—and where we have triumphed—not in business or personal matters, but in the truly great and abiding matters which make up the ebb and flow of life—the things like faith, and courage, and integrity, and love, and brotherhood, which the Savior of the World came to earth to teach and spread to all men. And how mankind has failed Him—how often does mankind make a mockery of the Divine sacrifice designed to dignify and glorify it. Yes the Christmas time is the appropriate time to stop and ponder and make changes where changes should be made, and in contemplating changes, mark well the following table of values:

The greatest handicap—fear
The best day—today
The easiest thing to do—find a fault
The most useless asset—pride
The greatest mistake—giving up
The greatest stumbling block—egotism
The greatest comfort—work well done
The most disagreeable person—the complainer
The worst bankruptcy—loss of enthusiasm
The greatest need—common sense
The meanest feeling—regret at another's success
The best gift—forgiveness
The greatest moment—death
The greatest thing in the world—love.

Labor Mourns

A few days ago, a citizen of these United States died, and men and women in all walks of life paused and were sad because that citizen was William Green. No one has to put a title after Bill Green's name, because he symbolized organized labor and all it stands for. The whole purpose of organized labor has been to bring to working men and women, and particularly to oppressed people everywhere, a decent life and a hope for the future. And that purpose was

the cause to which William Green dedicated his life—not just the 28 years in which he led the American Federation of Labor but all of his life—the years spent under the earth, mining coal, the years he spent in the state legislature, and those as an officer in the United Mine Workers. Through all the years from the time at 16 when he descended into the earth for the first time to work in the mines until that day in November, this year, when his body was laid to rest in that earth, Bill Green nurtured a dream—the dream of working men and women—free, laboring together in a free land, and moving ever nearer to a free world and a humanity lifted from the depths of squalor and indignity to which it has all too often been consigned.

It was to that dream that Mr. Green dedicated his life and bent all his energies, never sparing himself. And his efforts were crowned with success, for in his lifetime he saw working men and women make their greatest gains and the American Labor movement rise to the greatest heights it has ever known.

The labor movement, this country, this world, will not soon forget Bill Green and his work which benefited them all. We mourn our loss.

Labor Rejoices

While organized labor still sorrowed over the death of its champion, William Green, it had reason to rejoice, in that the reins of A. F. of L. leadership have passed into extremely competent hands. George Meany has known veteran service in the labor movement, first in the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, later as President of the New York State Federation of Labor, and from 1939 on, as Secretary Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor. In his first press conference, President Meany pledged all his efforts toward keeping the trade union movement free, keeping America's defense production program rolling, and presenting an affirmative legislative program while at the same time defending labor standards from further legislative attack.

George Meany is a strong and able leader. We can all feel fortunate in the choice made by the Executive Council of the A. F. of L.

Organized labor had more cause for rejoicing also, in the appointment of the Secretary of Labor by

President-Elect Eisenhower. In the choice of Marty Durkin, President of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union as Secretary, the Department of Labor for the first time has received the president of an International Union as its chief. We congratulate Mr. Durkin and we congratulate General Eisenhower on this splendid step. It is extremely encouraging to know that General Eisenhower's promise that "labor will have an equal voice" was not lip service. This first installment toward keeping faith with the working people of America makes us more sure than ever, that while we may not see eye to eye with the President-Elect on many matters, he is a man of integrity and honor.

Mr. Stevenson Take Note

Here are a few historical facts about a fellow statesman that Adlai Stevenson might like to file away for a future date—say four years from now:

Abraham Lincoln ran for the Illinois legislature in 1832. He was defeated.

He ran for speaker of the legislature in 1838. He was defeated.

In 1840 he ran for President elector. Defeated. Beaten for Commissioner of the General Land Office in 1843.

Sought nomination for Congress in 1848. Lost.

Ran for U.S. Senator in 1855. Defeated.

Tried for the Vice Presidential nomination in 1858. Beaten.

Again ran for the U.S. Senate in 1858. Again defeated.

Ran for President of the United States in 1860. Won the election and became one of the greatest Presidents our country has ever known.

To Be Remembered

Ever so often we hear a wonderful story that inspires us and gives us a real pointer that we can perhaps adopt into our own lives. Let me tell you about one I heard in a recent speech.

Some fifty years ago, a young boy laboring in a factory in Naples, longed to sing, and with some of his earnings in his hand, sought out a singing teacher. That teacher told him bluntly: "You can't sing. You haven't any voice at all. It sounds like the wind in the shutters."

The boy, heart-broken and discouraged, went home and told his mother what the teacher had said. And she, a poor peasant woman, put her arms around him and told him that she knew he could sing and that some day he'd be a great singer. That woman went barefoot to save money to pay for her son's music lessons.

And that mother's faith and praise and encouragement, changed that boy's whole life. He became one

of the greatest singers the world has ever known. His name was Enrico Caruso.

We can take two things to heart from this simple, heart-warming story:

(1) We must not grow discouraged. We must develop the spirit "to keep on, keeping on." Our success may be just over the hill. If we stop half way up we'll never know.

(2) We must remember to encourage others. Praise and appreciation reach depths which complaint and criticism can never reach and bring about far better results. It's worth a try!

Aftermath of the Election

This editorial is being written one month after the election. Thirty days after all the shouting and tumult are over, we can stop and think and review the national situation in the calm, cold light of a normal day. We recall a statement made in the *Daily Herald*, organ of the British Labor Party, published the day after the Republican victory:

"All liberal and progressive Americans, and all organized labor in particular, will accept it with dismay and foreboding."

That is a pretty broad and sweeping statement and I think I can safely say that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as one segment of "liberal and progressive Americans and organized labor," are far from dismayed and discouraged at this point.

True, we supported Adlai Stevenson and we'd support him again tomorrow, but we believe that this is a great and a strong and a wonderful country, full of people who for the most part are honest, intelligent, patriotic citizens, and we feel that the combination can withstand many things far more disastrous than a Republican Administration.

To be sure we worry at times when we remember the Tafts and the Jenners and the McCarthys, but then we remember that the President-Elect has also been influenced by a liberal element, and we remember his record as a soldier and his reputation, and we take encouragement. And we take encouragement from the liberals who are still in the Senate and the House, and we are hopeful that the reactionaries are not so strong that they can get destructive measures, both through Congress and past the President.

And while we are looking at the bright side, we must admit that change is exhilarating and the most exhilarating part about it, is that now all the things the Republicans screamed criticism of—Communists in the State Department, corruption, Korea, high prices, high taxes, creeping socialism—they are all neatly in the lap of the Republicans—their baby now—their responsibility. Let's see what they can do with them—and with all our heart we wish them well, and we promise them our honest support.



Legend of the Christmas Guest

IT ALL started in a little town in the old country—we'll call it Verengaria—the story we want to tell all you little boys and girls about, this Christmas. In this little town, mothers and fathers, and boys and girls got ready for Christmas just as we do here. The mothers baked Christmas cookies—fat gingerbread men and thin crispy stars and little crumbly cakes with red and green sugar on them. The fathers went to the nearby forests and cut down trees and brought them home for Kris Kringle (which was their name for Santa Claus) to trim. And the boys and girls made cranberry and popcorn chains for the tree and tried to be as good as they could, so that Kris Kringle would be good to them and bring them presents and candy on Christmas morning.

A Christmas Story for Children

But the most wonderful part about Christmas in the little town of Verengaria, was the legend—the legend that every year on Christmas Eve, the Christ Child came and visited one family and blessed it with happiness and peace all year through.

Every year He came knocking on the door of one home in the village, and oh how eagerly the fortunate family ran to the door, and drew in the beautiful little golden-haired Christ Child standing on the doorstep in his flowing white robes. And every man and woman, and every boy and girl in Verengaria hoped theirs would be the house the Christ Child would pick, and every year in every single house in the vil-

lage, a candle was placed in the front window to light the way of the little Christ Child and tell Him that He was welcome.

For years and years the custom continued, and every year the little Christ Child visited one house. Then one year there was a change. Let me tell you what happened.

It was Christmas Eve and in every house in Verengaria, a candle was burning in the window for the Christ Child.

The Engel home was a gay place. The Engel house was one of the nicest in the village. Mama Engel was in the kitchen. She and Anna, the cook, were roasting a fat goose to be eaten on the morrow. Papa Engel was setting up the Christmas tree and the En-

gel boys and girls were popping pop corn and roasting apples and talking about the presents they hoped Kris Kringle would bring them. Tommy wanted a drum and Elsie and Geneva wanted dolls, while Albert was wishing for a pop gun. All of a sudden there came a knock at the door.

"Go and see who it is children," called Papa Engel.

The thought hit the children all at the same time. "Maybe it's the Christ Child," said Elsie.

"Let's go quickly and see," said Tommy.

Albert opened the door while the others crowded eagerly behind him.

There was a sigh of disappointment, for instead of the beautiful Christ Child they hoped to find standing on the step, there was only a very ragged, very poor looking, old man. His coat hung in tatters and his feet were wrapped in burlap bags to keep out the cold, for he had no shoes. He was bent over and walked with a cane.

"I am cold and hungry, children," he said. "May I come in and get warm?"

By that time Papa Engel was calling, "Who is it? Who is at the door, Albert?"

"It's only an old man, Papa," Albert called back.

"Tell him to go away, we are busy," said papa.

And so the boys and girls shut the door in the old man's face and went back to their corn popping.

The old man hobbled down the street to the next house where the Heidens lived. They were all gathered in the living room in front of the open fire, and mama was reading a story about the Christ Child, when the knock came to their door. Little Hilda jumped out of her mother's lap and shouted in great glee, "Oh Mama, I know it must be the Christ Child come to visit our house," and even mama's heart stood still in expectation.

Mama went to the door and threw it open. Then her face fell



The Child said, "I must go now, but My Father will bless you all."

in disappointment when she saw the ragged old man standing there.

"Go away, old man," she said. "It is Christmas Eve and we are hoping for a visit from the Christ Child."

And the poor old man turned sadly away and went his weary way down the street. And he pulled his torn coat closer about him, for it had begun to snow and it was very cold.

And so it was all through the village. Every door was shut in his face and no one offered to let him come in and warm himself.

Finally there was only one house left—where Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their six little boys and girls lived. Their cottage was the poorest in the village. Its thatched roof leaked, their fire was small and there was never really enough food to go around. You see, Papa Schmidt had been out of work for a long time and he and Mama felt very badly that there was so little food and no presents at all for their children this Christmas. And they felt sorriest of all for little Gretchen who wanted a doll so much. Gretchen was a sick little girl who had never been able to walk and she longed for a doll to



"The most Beautiful Child in the world was standing there."

comfort her, but mama and papa had explained that they were too poor to buy one, and Gretchen had been very brave because she knew it would make mama and papa sad to see her cry.

Oh, it was a poor house, but nevertheless, a candle burned brightly in the window to light the way of the Christ Child.

Mrs. Schmidt was putting supper on the table when the knock came to their door. A poor supper it was—watery soup with no meat and few vegetables—and one piece of bread all around.

Two of the boys went to the door and all the children's hearts pounded in their breasts, for like all the children in the village, they hoped it would be the Christ Child come to visit them.

"Why, it's a poor old man," said little Jim.

"He's all cold and wet, Papa," said Gene.

"Well bring him in, son," called papa. "Let him warm and dry himself by our fire."

And Jim and Gene took hold of the old man's hand and led him into the one poor room which served them for living, eating and sleeping. They helped him off with

his wet coat and gave him the best chair to sit in.

"You shall have supper with us, old father," said Mama Schmidt. "It is a poor supper, but it will warm you, and you are welcome." And mama hastily added a little more water to the soup and broke her own piece of bread in half to share with the bedraggled guest.

And soon they all sat around the table and papa said the grace and they all ate their soup and bread, and though it was poor fare, to each one it tasted like a rich and wonderful meal, because there was love and kindness and peace in this house.

And when the supper was over, the old man said: "I must be on my way again, but I thank you for your kindness. You may be sure the Good God will bless you for sharing what you have with a poor, old man."

"You are welcome to stay the night," said Papa Schmidt.

"I'll give you part of my blanket," said sick little crippled Gretchen.

But the old man just smiled and patted her hand and said no, he had to be on his way.

And the family just stood in

silence and they were all the happiest they had ever been. They didn't know why, but peace and contentment filled every heart.

Then before the old man could leave, there was another knock at the door and this time eight-year-old Johanna ran to open it.

And who do you think it was? It was Hans, her big brother, home on leave from the army. All at once the whole family was shouting and throwing welcoming arms around Hans—it was such a surprise to have him there. They thought he was miles away with no chance of coming home for Christmas.

And all of a sudden, everybody stopped talking and laughing and there was dead silence. For there, with her arms clasped around big Hans' knees, was little Gretchen—little Gretchen who had never been able to walk a step in her life, and who had run across the floor to greet Hans.

And no one understood how it had happened, but they were all crying big tears of joy.

And when they had gotten over the wonderful surprise that Gretchen was able to walk, Hans

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"They all ate their soup and bread, and, though it was poor fare, to each one it tasted like a wonderful meal."

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q. Here is one for some of our young members who have just finished their Apprentice Training.

An old-time member told me of a job he wired some time ago. It was a four-story building which had a four-wire, 208-120 volt service which terminated in the basement. Also in the basement there was installed a three-phase 208-v. power panel. From this power panel was a set of sub-feeders running up to the roof, to feed three three-phase fan motors. Each motor of course had a magnetic motor starter fed from the sub-feeders. There is a "stop" and "start" button on each starter on the roof. They ran a one-inch conduit from starters on roof for three "start" "stop" buttons in basement. In the one-inch conduit there were nine wires, three for each "stop" "start" button in basement.

Here is the sad news; it was dis-

covered that there was to be "stop" "start" and "pilot lights" in basement.

It was impossible to pull any more wires in the one-inch conduit from basement to roof.

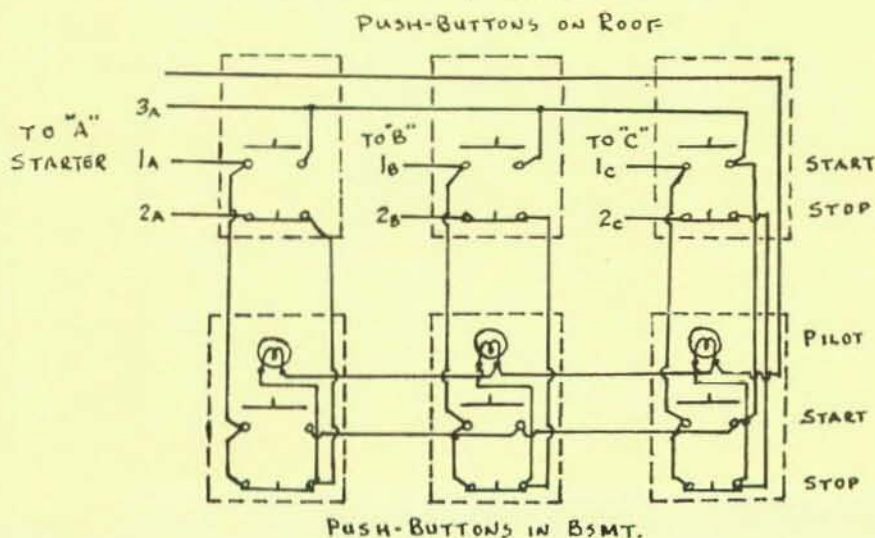
Question: How did he make the "stop" "start" and "pilot lights" work without running any more wires from basement to roof?

I see three ways that this can be done.

I wish to congratulate all the Apprentices who graduated from Local 611 at last meeting held in their honor. I know you will all make better mechanics than us old timers, who like myself, only went to school one day, and it rained that day and the teacher didn't come.

T. O. "TOM" DRUMMOND,

A member of the I.B.E.W. since 1906, now member of 611, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



A. One method of installing the pilot light on each fan push-button in the basement is to change all Stop-Start switches to the maintaining, 2-wire type so that the third wire in each set can be used for the pilot light.

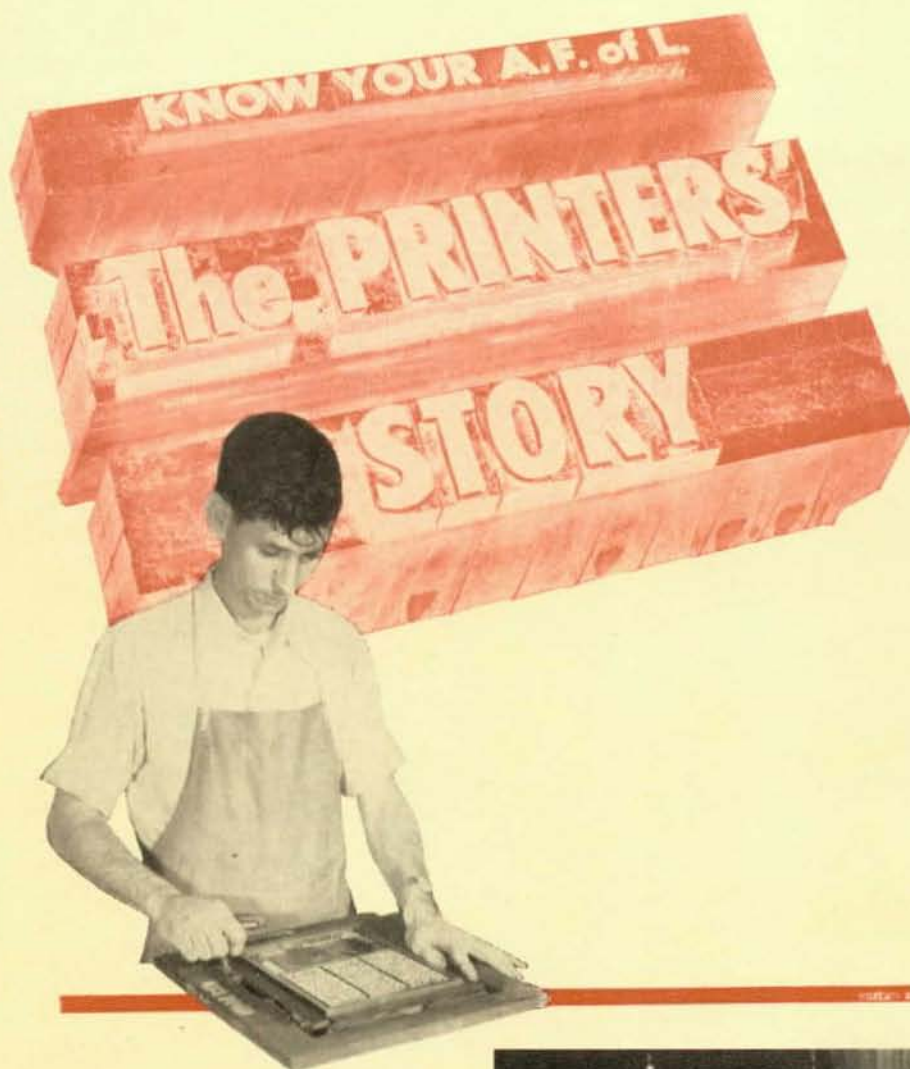
If it is not desired to change the push-button stations to the 2-wire type, instead of bringing a "hot" wire down from each starter to each "Start" button, parallel all three "Start" buttons with the one "hot" leg. Then use another "hot" leg from the same phase that goes to the holding coil to parallel all three pilot lights and their resistors. Two more wires are then used from the auxiliary contact and the reset contact, which is connected to the opposite side of the holding coil, for each of the three starters. Thus only eight wires are needed. See diagram below, left.

Another method is to pick up a good equipment ground in the basement and use 120 volt pilot lamps. The push-button box itself may serve as the ground. But this is not according to Code.

Also one may bring a "hot" from the source of power in the basement to the pilots of each push-button. However, one must make certain that this "hot" leg is from the same phase as is used for the holding coil so that there will not be any "shorts" and burn out the coils. If only one "hot" leg is used for all three pilots then one should run a neutral wire in the same conduit to neutralize the inductive field around this "hot" wire. The neutral or ground wire is then connected to the cabinet. This method is also not in accordance with the National Code.

Thanks for Everything!

At year's end the editor of "Questions and Answers" wishes to take this opportunity to thank the many Brothers who have contributed questions and comment to this page over the last year. We hope to carry many more of your stimulating letters in the year ahead.



EVERY DAY, in cities large and small all over this country and Canada, hundreds of great presses force, literally, miles of clean white paper against inked metal. With each impression thousands of words are transferred to the paper's surface. There are many printing plants in our country capable of producing billions of words daily, to say nothing of some of the nation's great newspapers that can turn out millions of printed words hourly.

Every time you glance at a newspaper, read a story in a favorite magazine, or relax in your easy chair with the latest pocket mystery, you are using a product of one of America's biggest businesses—the printing industry.

This is the business too, which provides you with the program for a show or football game or gives you the music for the latest dance tune, enables you to get your mail

order catalogue, advertisements, pamphlets and crossword puzzles. There is absolutely no phase of industrial life on which man is more dependent for entertainment and information than the printing trade.

Giving work to more than half a million people this industry ranks among the first six industrial groups in the country in point of the value it adds to products in manufacturing. Total wages paid to workers in the printing and publishing industry is topped by only six other types of manufacturing.

Still another way of realizing the magnitude of the printing industry is to mention a few statistics of the trade. As far back as 1947 the total number of books published was 487,216,000 and with the increasing popularity of pocket editions, that figure for 1952 could be upped considerably.

In that same year also, 4,610 different monthly periodicals were published with an aggregate circulation per issue of 384,628,482.

Now not a single line of the billions of lines which go into making up these books and periodicals



Versatility is claimed for Monotype type setting method, as performed by the skilled craftsmen above. Monotype differs from Linotype in that each character is separate. The Linotype sets a series of characters on a "slug."

could ever reach the reading public if it were not for the compositors and typesetters, the members of the union we are saluting this month. This is their story—but first let us go away back into history and learn a little about how all this printing business came to be.

To begin with, the invention of printing is undoubtedly one of the most important developments in the history of mankind. Without printing it would be impossible for most people to know what is happening in other parts of the world and most of us would be as uneducated and backward as savages. Printing makes it possible to preserve the most important actions and thoughts of men and spread them to the far corners of the earth.

The art of printing did not come easily. The multiple presses of big city newspapers that consume paper by the ton and turn out hundreds of thousands of daily editions, are among the most complicated forms of machinery known to man, and even a simple type of modern printing press involved several thousand separate inventions that took skilled minds and hands many years to perfect.

The simplest form of printing probably had its beginning in China in about the 6th century A.D., several hundred years before Europeans had any type of printing device other than seal rings with which noblemen impressed their crests in sealing wax. The Chinese type of printing is known today as block printing. The Chinese cut a whole page or design from a single piece of wood, each character being carved by hand. Most of the printing was done on silk.

In the Middle Ages, block printing began to be used in Europe but the method was too slow and expensive for use in large scale production of books.

By the 14th century the desire for higher learning had been revived in Europe and men weary of war, sought more intellectual pursuits and there was a deep thirst for knowledge of what men were doing and thinking in other parts of the world. The time was certainly ripe for the invention of the printing press.

No one knows for sure who invented the first movable type. Most scholars believe, however, that a man named Laurens Coster of

Haarlem, the Netherlands, invented it around 1430 and then by accident. The story is that he carved small blocks of birch wood into the shape of individual letters and strung them in rows to spell out words for his children.

But regardless of who first thought up the movable type, it was Johann Gutenberg who developed it and put it to practical use. This was in the middle of the 15th century. Gutenberg carved individual letters on pieces of wood, placed these in a frame, inked them and pressed paper against them to get an impression. Think of the significance of this development. Instead of laboriously "carving" whole pages at a time—pages that obviously could be used for only one book—Gutenberg could carve a set of type and arrange the letters to spell out what he wanted, print a page and then separate the type and use it again and again in various arrangements.

Gutenberg discovered something else. He found that wooden type soon became softened by the ink used in printing and that the letters wore down very quickly. Too, carving of the individual

"Hot off the machine" is the right expression for type this newspaper printer has just placed in galley. Type freshly-set from molten metal is still hot. Now, proof will be pulled and rushed to proofreaders for careful check.



In addition to type-setting skill, "lino" operator must be authority on punctuation, spelling, grammar.





Experts in hand-set type at work on matter which calls for "display" or an attractive layout of type faces. They set from type cases of foundry type made of durable metal which permits use over and over again.

letters was a tedious job. So, Mr. Gutenberg experimented with metals. He made an alloy of lead, tin and antimony and found that it was easily molded, and yet was sufficiently hard to resist wear. He then invented a brass type mold in which to cast individual letters in large numbers and with complete accuracy.

The printing press spread quite rapidly through most of the large European cities, with the main works being turned out, Bibles, classics and prayer books almost all written in Latin. But as the desire for learning spread, books came to be written in native tongues.

The last important country of Europe to take advantage of this tremendous invention was England. In 1476, a merchant, William Caxton established the first printing plant in that country. Half a century later, the first press in America was set up in Mexico City by a Spaniard.

The first press in the United States was established in Boston in 1640 and the first book printed on it was "The Bay Psalm Book."

From Gutenberg's day to the year 1800, only minor changes were made in printing machinery. Then

the invention of the paper-making machine and the cylinder press caused a revolution in the industry. The experiments in stereotyping (casting duplicates of whole pages of type and pictures) made another tremendous contribution to the printing trade. But the most revolutionary contribution to the industry came in the last half of the 19th century when a man named Ottmar Mergenthaler developed a machine called the linotype.

Up until this time every line of type had to be set by hand. The linotype, operated by keys similar to a typewriter's, assembles matrices, or molds, of type characters. When sufficient characters have been brought together to form a line, they are justified by a motion of a lever which brings wedges between the words, spreading them just enough. Then this wonderful, complicated piece of machinery inserts the line of matrices into a casting device which pours melted type metal into it. The result is a solid slug of metal, the surface of which is cast in the shape of the characters to be used. These slugs are trimmed and placed in trays called galleys. Then the matrices are released, broken up and automatically returned to their

proper places in the case, ready to be used again.

And this brings us to the men who do the work, the linotype operators, the compositors and the others who make up the membership of the International Typographical Union, without whom there could not be a printed page.

To bring you pictures and information for this story we visited several print shops as well as the work rooms of *The Evening Star*, Washington's oldest newspaper. The composing room of a daily newspaper is the busiest place you can imagine — there is constant rush to beat deadlines, get copy set in type, proof read, locked in chases and ready to print. We were deeply impressed with the skill and precision with which the members of the International Typographical Union were carrying out their duties and the swiftness and accuracy with which they ran the linotype machines and made up pages of type ready for the presses.

Here's the procedure. In the *Evening Star* composing room, copy from the editorial desks is brought by copy runners or by pneumatic tube to the desk of the composing room foreman. He cuts the copy and divides it among the

workmen in order to get it into type in the shortest space of time. The compositors set the type on the linotypes as explained above. However there is some type—for headlines, special copy, etc., that must be set by hand. For this the compositor goes to the "Ludlow alley," chooses the letters needed and places it in a "composing stick." All copy set by hand or linotype is placed line by line in a long tray called a "galley."

Some of the printers set type on a machine known as a monotype. It has a keyboard similar to that of the linotype, but it operates by punching holes into a strip of paper. When the monotype caster man places the perforated ribbon of paper into a casting machine, the holes operate machinery that casts each letter individually and automatically assembles them in correct order in the galley. Intricate copy, for example, columns of figures, are always set by monotype to insure greater accuracy, and to enable the typographers to correct a letter or figure at a time rather than remake a whole line as is the case with the linotype.

When the compositor has completed a "galley" of proof, the type is inked, a "galley proof" is

pulled and read for errors. After the errors are corrected (in big print shops and newspaper plants this is done by several special operators, rather than return each galley to the original typesetter), the type is sent to a hand compositor who makes up the page of type together with heads and cuts. These pages are called "forms." This assembling of type and type lines and spacing material is very meticulous work and the compositor must be very careful to get the type "forms" on pages the exact width and length. Sometimes a single "form" is made of thousands of small pieces.

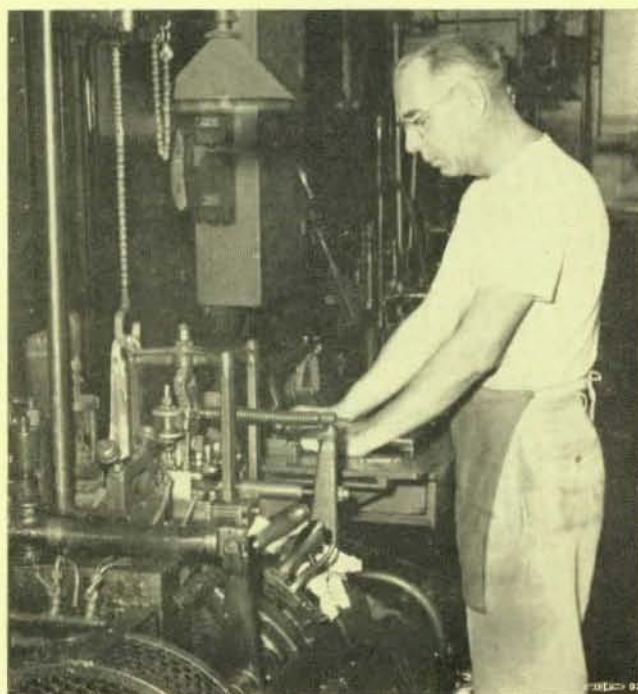
After the make-up is completed, proofs are again "pulled" and okayed by the proofreader and then are turned over to the "lock-up" man who arranges the forms in their proper positions for printing in a big steel frame called a "chase." This man must know just how to place the pages, often as many as 16 or 32, so that after they are printed on both sides of the page and folded, they run consecutively in the book or pamphlet or newspaper. The type is fastened tight into the chase and hammered down so that no letter will print more prominently than any other.

Then the chase is wheeled on a big flat table called a turtle and is placed in the printing press and a sheet printed. To be sure that the work done by the compositors and lock-up man is perfect, the printed sheet is placed on a "line-up table." Lines are drawn in ink along the pages and margins and any deviation from position can be noted at once. If there are inaccuracies, the chase is returned to the lock-up man who corrects it. If there are none it is ready for the presses and that is the domain of the Printing Pressman—another union and another story.

We wish time would permit further details as to the work of these Brothers of ours (and Sisters too) in the printing industry but we are sure our readers can gather from these brief descriptions all the precision and knowhow that gets the newspaper on the street, the book or magazine to the hand of the reader. It is no wonder that the I.T.U. apprenticeship period lasts six years.

And now to tell you something about the union to which these workmen belong—the union which is not only the oldest in the United States but which also was the prime mover in the forces that

Two views of Monotype casting operations. Tape perforated by operators (picture, Page 18) is run through casting machine which translates perforations into individual characters of type. Advantage of Monotype in some printing is that it permits corrections without resetting entire line.





Printers' Home, above, in Colorado Springs, Colo., is fabulous retirement center for members of Union.

brought the American Federation of Labor into being.

The International Typographical Union is just one hundred years old this year. However, its colorful history antedates the year 1852 by nearly a century.

The early-day printers, while they had no union, made it a regular practice to call general meetings of those working at the trade when any problem arose. Chief cause for such a call was the wage rate or scale of prices charged for labor. When the problem had been settled, the group disbanded.

It was in the year 1776 which commemorates a great date in American history, that another event memorable to trade unionists occurred, for in that year the first successful strike in America took place — by the printers of New York for a wage increase.

In 1786, the printers of Philadelphia formed a temporary group to strike and were successful in resisting a wage reduction. Both groups disbanded once the strikes were ended.

The first organization of printers, for purposes other than solving a problem immediately confronting them, was the Typographical Society formed in 1795 by New York printers. It was active for about two years. In 1799 the group reorganized as the Franklin Typographical Society of Journey-

men Printers of New York. Three years later the Philadelphia Typographical Society was organized, and by 1815 similar societies had been formed in Boston, Albany, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. These groups were organized as fraternal and benevolent societies, but also transacted the usual business of the craft.

The movement spread rapidly to other parts of the country and these societies became real brotherhood organizations. Their fraternal features included burial funds, financial aid to the sick, jobs for unemployed or traveling printers, and voluntary aid in case of strike or lockout.

However, the need for coordination, and a standardizing of wages and conditions became acute, and so plans were made for a national organization.

First efforts to organize on a national basis failed. Twelve years later, in December of 1850, the first national convention of typographical unions was held in the City of New York, and action was taken to appoint a national executive committee which was to bring the National Typographical Union into existence.

When a second convention of printers assembled in Baltimore in September 1851 a constitution for a national union was drawn up and adopted by the delegates,

Printer below makes final corrections in front page from Washington newspaper. Note play of labor unity story in eight-column "streamer."



and in May 1852, the national executive committee issued a call for the first session of the National Typographical Union at Cincinnati. Fourteen unions had ratified the proposed constitution and thus came into existence, one hundred years ago, the first of the American trade unions.

From the very earliest days, the members of this union fought for fair conditions and decent



An artistic touch and plenty of printing know-how are essential in make-up of intricate displays.

Make-up man below is "locking" a page form of the Journal. Wedge-like coins secure form.



Using mallet and planer, make-up man taps finished form to make certain all matter is level before locking for press.

Newspaper plant "proof boy" about to "pull a galley proof." Soon as type is set, it is placed in galley for "proofing."



wages, not just for themselves but for workingmen all over this country. This union was in the vanguard of many an early battle, for many of the advantages which are taken so much for granted today.

It was way back in 1865 that the Typographical Union adopted its first resolution proposing an eight-hour day. Delegates were instructed to place the resolution

before their respective local unions for appropriate action. Most craftsmen were working 10, 11, or 12 or more hours and many members were paid on a piece-work basis without any specified work-day. In that early day, the members of this union made a significant survey and determined to take action to improve their lot. The results of a survey made showed that the average age of

death of men working 12 hours a day was 28 years; those working 11 hours, 35 years, and those working only 10 hours, 41 years. However it was more than 40 years after the first move made by the 1865 convention and many bitter battles later that the union was successful in establishing the eight-hour day in the industry.

In 1869, a new constitution was adopted which affiliated Canadian printing trades unions with the National Typographical Union and the name was changed to International.

The I.T.U. has been first in many things—one of which was the opening of its doors to woman craftsmen. At its 1869 convention it adopted a resolution requiring equal pay for work and barred all forms of discrimination against women workers, and in 1870 it elected a Miss Augusta Lewis of New York its corresponding secretary, the first woman to be chosen as an officer of a national or international union.

From the earliest days the I.T.U. launched strong campaigns for and against state and national laws which discriminated against unions and working people, and with considerable success in many sectors.

In 1879 the International Typographical Union started action to organize the American Federation of Labor with the result that in 1882 the A.F. of L. got under way and members of the I.T.U. played an important part as officers both in the early days and in later years.

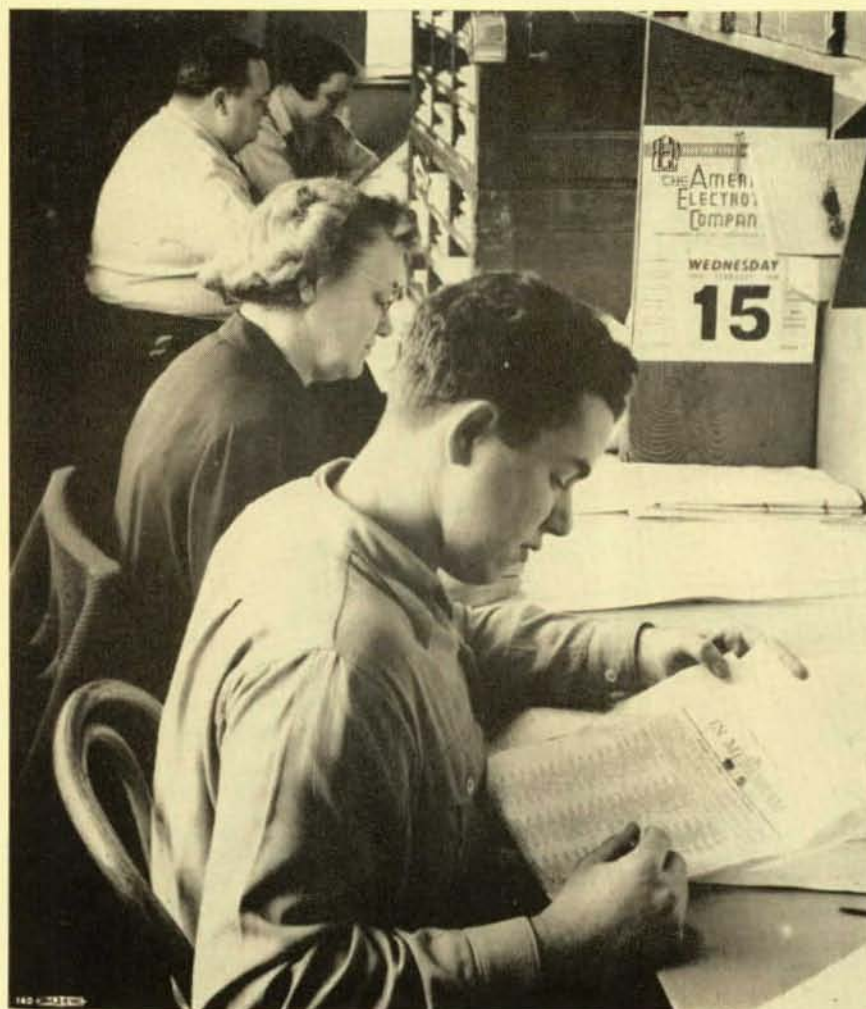
In 1886 the International Typographical Union adopted a union label for use on printed matter, "so that the product of union labor may be readily known by purchasers, and the demand for publications friendly to the cause of the organized workingman may be encouraged."

Through the years as the I.T.U. fought for gains for its members, it was also adding union benefits. In 1891 a burial fund was established. This burial fund is now known as the Mortuary Fund from which amounts up to \$500 are paid to designated beneficiaries. This was established in the



ITU members at work on the financial section of a metropolitan newspaper. A watchmaker's delicate touch is required for task, as the minute type characters are put into place in galleys by printer using a pair of tweezers.

Proofreaders carefully scan a page proof from the Journal. Proofs are checked against copy to make sure there has been no deviation in typesetting. Corrected proofs then are checked to guard against new errors in the revised copy.



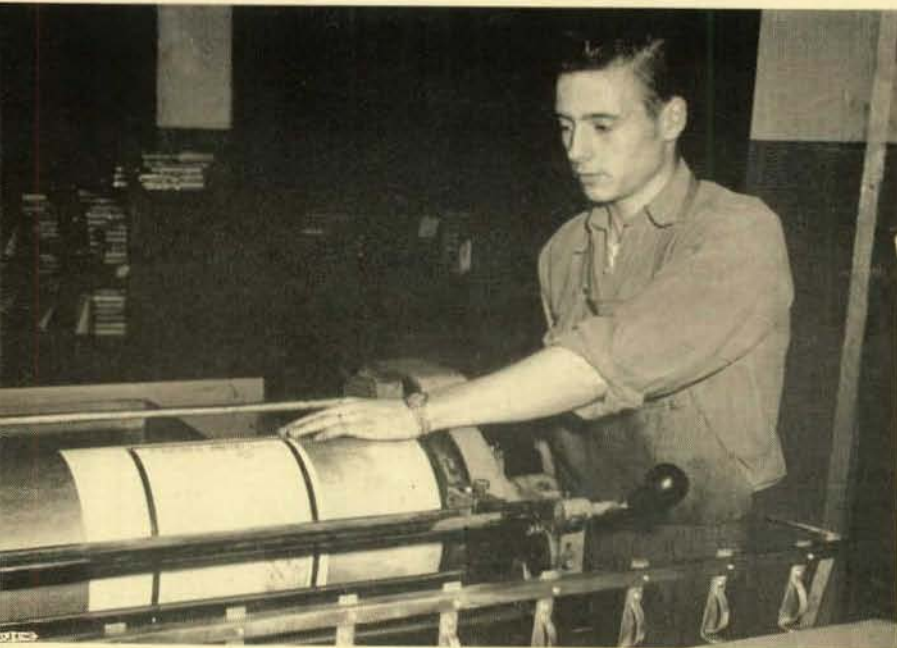
Close-up of printer setting financial report with aid of tweezers. Lengthy data is usually set in five-point type.

same year that our Brotherhood was established and also set up a death benefit. Thus this was the beginning of a new epoch in the history of fraternal benefits for labor.

In 1892, the I.T.U. again made union history by opening its Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs, Colorado to care for its aged members, which beautiful home is providing security, peace and contentment for members to this day.

Space will not permit us to tell you in detail the progress made through hard work and sacrifice during the period of the next half century, but we can say that the progress has been remarkable. Increased wages, a shorter workweek and greater job security have come as a direct result of union solidarity. The minimum wage of all members of the I.T.U. is now more than \$2.40 per hour. Hours and conditions are as good or better than any other trade.

Today, the International Typographical Union stands over 100,000 strong, and it continues every day of the year to battle for the rights of its members and indeed the rights of all workers. It has been perhaps the most militant of all the unions in the battle against the unjust Taft-Hartley law and



A page form from a recent Journal is proved on a Vandercook precision proof press. Quality in page proofs is important because it affords editors a last chance to check make-up, reproduction and color registry.

other forms of anti-labor legislation.

This is a proud union with a heritage and a future. Its members are skilled and competent and imbued with both the spirit of fine craftsmanship and true trade unionism. We are proud to pay them this small tribute this month. We urge our members everywhere to look for and demand the union label on all printing.

We acknowledge with thanks the kind help of Mr. Joseph Z. Lins, Secretary-Treasurer of Washington, D. C. Typographical Union No. 101, Mr. Leonard Larson of the Production Department, Washington *Evening Star* and Mr. Alexander Bevis, Director of the I.T.U. Public Relations Department for their assistance in helping us to obtain information and pictures for this story.

Oliver Myers

The entire membership of our Brotherhood will be saddened to learn of the death of our International Executive Council member from the Third District, Oliver Myers.

Brother Myers was in Washington, D. C., attending the fourth quarterly meeting of the Executive Council when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on December 9. He died in Emergency Hospital on December 11. His wife, daughter, and niece had come on from Toledo and were with Mr. Myers when he passed on. The Brotherhood will sadly miss Oliver Myers. He has been a loyal trade unionist and a fighter for the rights of working men and women for the best part of his life. He was born June 17, 1874, and was initiated in Local Union 132 on October 16, 1901, thus having served more than 50 years as a member of this Brotherhood.

At our 1946 Convention in San Francisco Brother Myers was elected to the International Executive Council and was unanimously reelected in 1950. At the time of his death Brother Myers was serving as business manager of both Local Union 8 and Local Union 245 of Toledo, Ohio, a dual post which he had held for many years. The International Executive Council adjourned its meeting before news of the death of their fellow member had arrived.

May our Brother Oliver Myers rest in peace.

Technical Notes

Printing techniques have changed profoundly since William Caxton's day, but the basic principles of the art remain the same. In modern printing history, the greatest change has come about in faster printing speeds. The Linotype machine, which casts slugs ready for printing, and high-speed web presses, have wrought this change.

All trades have certain basic work tools. The printing trade has more than its usual share of shop terms, plus a special vocabulary of its own, but the basic tool of the printer is the pica line gauge, which measures points and picas. In this system, 12 points make one pica, and six picas make one inch. All columns in your "Journal" are 13 picas wide.

Composition—the process of putting the material into type—and make-up—the arranging of the type and engravings in page form—are the responsibility of members of the ITU.

Presses on which the "Journal" is printed are operated by members of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union of North America.

Your "Journal" is set on Linotype machines, and two body types are used. All features in front of the magazine are set in 10-point DeVenne. "Local Lines" are set in 8-point Century.

Your "Journal" is printed on a high-speed web press. "Journal" covers, which often contain four colors, are printed on a special color press.

Some of the headlines in the "Journal" are hand-set, with the printers using the same technique as Benjamin Franklin followed back in Colonial days, when all the printer needed to do business was a case of type, a "stick" to hold the type as it was picked from the case, a hand-operated press and a little ink and paper.

The job of collating the different "signatures," or forms, and stitching and trimming is done on Sheridan machines operated by members of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, A. F. of L.



WEST COAST

Progress Meeting

A MOST INTERESTING and "progressive" progress meet for the Ninth District was held in San Francisco in the late summer. It opened on August 15 in the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel with Vice President O. G. Harbak conducting the sessions, and some 100 delegates in attendance.

Sound Plan

After introducing speakers and guests, Vice President Harbak presented Dr. Edwin E. Witte, first speaker of the opening session. Dr. Witte, who is the public member of the National Electrical Benefit Fund and Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin, gave a most interesting address, the keynote of which was that our pension plan as now formulated and administered is basically sound and has unique features not offered in most other pension systems. For example Dr. Witte pointed out, only one-fourth of the employees employed by

major industrial companies are able to secure their pensions due to changing employment, while Electrical Workers retain their pension wherever they are employed. Dr. Witte stated that the funds in the N.E.B.F. are stable and well invested. He closed his talk with the point that the employer who does not pay in accord with his labor agreement is "cheating." He urged the IBEW and the Contractors to prepare for the years ahead.

Assessment Cited

Next Vice President Harbak introduced Laurence M. Davis, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the N.E.B.F. Mr. Davis presented a straight-from-the-shoulder speech in which he clearly brought home the duty of all business managers to enforce all contractors to pay the one percent assessment. He stressed the fact that the employer is as obligated to pay this sum to the pension fund as he is to pay wages to his employees—it is a part

of his contract to be lived up to. Mr. Davis pointed out that delinquencies in the Ninth District alone could amount to a loss of \$280,000 to our Pension Fund. Mr. Davis concluded with a strong appeal to every business manager to strictly enforce the Benefit Agreement and thus keep faith with every member of our Brotherhood.

Mr. Davis was followed on the program by Mr. Ed Buttner, an electrical contractor from Oakland, who emphasized the importance of a strong apprentice system.

Cooperation Needed

The next speaker was Mr. M. J. Sherwood, field director for the Western Region of the NECA whose subject centered on the need for cooperation and understanding between IBEW local unions and their counterparts in the NECA.

Following Mr. Sherwood, International Representative Otto Rieman spoke, with jurisdictional problems his principal topic.

The final speaker of the first

Left to right: International Representative Otto Rieman, Lawrence Davis, Dr. Edwin C. Witte, President D. W. Tracy, Vice President Oscar Harbak, Secretary J. Scott Milne, Dell O'Connor, Edward Buttner and Council Member Foehn.





General view of delegates attending the San Francisco session.

day's sessions was International Secretary J. Scott Milne who reviewed various aspects of the work of the International Office for the delegates, with particular attention given to the status of our Pension Fund. Mr. Milne announced that the Silver Jubilee Plan was going very well with over a million dollars having been loaned to the Pension Plan to date.

The Ninth District Progress Meeting was resumed on Saturday, August 16 at 9:30 a.m. First order of business was a tribute paid to honor International Representative Amos Feely who had passed away since the last Progress Meeting. A beautiful plaque was presented by the International Representatives of the Ninth District. It bore the following inscription: "In memory of Amos H. Feely and his life long devotion to the labor movement and to his fellow men."

Gains Reviewed

Principal speaker for the session was International President D. W. Tracy. President Tracy reviewed each branch of our trade and pointed out the gains made in each field. He said that the I.B.E.W. could become the largest labor organization in the country due to the ever-expanding electrical field. He mentioned especially the vast atomic projects still in the blueprint stage which will call for thousands of additional employees

and the tremendous power developments which are taking place all over the United States.

President Tracy spoke about the WSB and the I.B.E.W.'s relationship to it. He said that a separate department had been set up in Washington to handle the processing of cases through the CISC and WSB.

President Tracy reiterated the Brotherhood's position on jurisdictional matters and urged all unions to "fight for what is yours."

The International President then made a down-to-earth plea to

the delegates to man all jobs and said there should be more flexibility on the part of local unions in accepting traveling cards.

President Tracy discussed progress in organizing manufacturing and industrial plants and the remarkable progress being made in the Radio and TV field.

The afternoon session of the progress meeting was given over to a question and answer period principally on Health and Welfare plans, bylaws, the abolishing of working rules and methods of amending old agreements.

Notice

In the December issue of your *Journal*, normally the three-month Report of Local Union Receipts would appear. This item has taken up quite a lot of costly space in our *Journal*—space which we felt could be put to better use for stories or items of local union interest, since talks with many of our local union members revealed that most members seldom refer to this section of their magazine.

The business manager of your local will be furnished a copy of the report of the local union receipts quarterly, and members may refer to his copy if they desire information.

However, if for any reason a member is unable to refer to the report sent to the business manager, if that member will then write to me, I will be happy to mail him a copy.

J. Scott Milne,
International Secretary

With the Ladies



One Day in Each Year

"Men always have hope of a better world when they see the miracle of Christmas. All the selfishness, bitterness and hatreds pause, and for a day surrender to the sweet charm of a little Divine Prince who cast His spell over the earth two thousand years ago—a spell that has not been broken, a charm that has increased to become a spiritual dominion stretching around the earth from pole to pole. Thus we can always know that men could live with goodwill and understanding for each other, because one day in each year the little Divine Prince of Peace still compels them to do it."

A MAN named Charles Wells wrote these beautiful words and I wanted to pass them on to you on our Christmas page this year because they give us something very real and wonderful to think about. Mr. Wells says that men can live with goodwill and understanding because they do it for one day each year, Christmas Day.

Ladies, let's think about that and take it to heart—what we can do for one day—be kind and charitable and merry, making our own and others a little happier—what we can do for one day, we can do everyday — if we've a mind to. Of course it wouldn't be easy. Of course we wouldn't be buoyed up on the 26th of December or the 23rd of February or the 15th of May, as we are on Christmas Day, because that wonderful Christmas spirit is something that gets in your blood—it's infectious and exhilarating. But we can try

to capture it. We can try to keep it and practice it and spread it to others every day in the year. Then we'd not just have the Christmas spirit. We'd have the Christ spirit and nobody knows what good we might do, what springs of happiness we might start to flow if we forgot to be selfish and made Christmas Day not one day in each year but every day. Let's try it! What do you say?

And now let's talk about some things we want to do to celebrate that one all-important day of our year.

Christmasey House

First of all, Christmas is decorations. Nothing exudes the Christmas spirit like a real Christmasey house with plenty of evergreens and candles, shiny balls and tinsel, snow and all the rest. Christmas is one time when I don't believe you can overdo things.

Here are a few little decorating ideas I heard about. I pass them on to you.

Question After Christmas

*When fragrant needles dry and spill
Why pack away the heart's good will
As though it were a specialty
To hang upon the Christmas tree?
Why when Christmas Day is done,
Do we mortals quickly run
Back into the commonplace?
Where yesterday each passing face
Was eager with a secret chore,
Each holly-hung and ribboned door
Breathed welcome to the passer-by,
Now hurriedly the busy eye
Skims ahead as though good will
Were something Christmas hearts dis-
till,
Then dissipate, as though the air
Could no longer hold it there;
A change as though the very hour
That Christmas ends is like a flower
Which closes when the day departs—
So, too, the closing Christmas hearts
That drop their spent humility
Like needles from the Christmas tree.*

—JESSIE FARNHAM

Want to do something different to your front door? Cover the whole panel with shiny foil paper. Paste stars of different sizes and colors cut from more foil paper all over the door. Dot clear nail polish over some of the stars and in small areas all over the door and sprinkle with "glitter" or "stardust" available in almost any department, stationery or paint store. Run a string of colored lights around the door to reflect on the glittering stars.

Or you might just attach some of your Christmas cards to the foil-covered door.

Now for a table or mantle decoration that is simple but different and beautiful. Get a large thick candle at least 18 inches tall and three to four inches in diameter. Stand this candle in the center of a mirror, tray or large flat flower bowl. Have about 25 different colored Christmas balls from the very tiny ones to be found in the five and dime this year, to those larger than a golf ball. Remove the wires from the smaller ones and stick them on half tooth picks and insert picks into the candle at an angle. Place the tiny balls near the top and those a little larger farther down. Surround the base of the candle with greens and tuck the remaining largest balls into the branches.

If you happen to have a madonna figurine around the house, there are many beautiful and yet simple table or mantle decorations you can make using this as the central figure and placing Christmas greens and candles



around it. Certainly emphasizes the real meaning of Christmas too.

Suppose you are stuck at the last minute with someone you want to remember with a gift and little time to get one. You have two very good choices—food from your own kitchen, or money. Here are some gay and unusual ways to present this type of gift.

Give homemade canned goods or jellies. Place in red or green crepe paper gathered in a fluff at the top and tie with ribbon and a sprig of Christmas green.

Or give a cute little casserole dish filled with condiments—spices, catsup, dressing. Tie the works in bright cellophane.

Paint a coffee or cracker tin with bright paint with the recipient's name also painted on in crude letters, and fill with homemade candy, cookies or fruit cake.

Fill a pretty little bowl or bread basket with fruit and top with a sprig of holly.

As for the monetary gift—remember it's always welcome, but unless presented in an attractive manner may look like an afterthought.

Wee Christmas stocking cut from bright felt or sturdy cloth, decorated with gay beads or sequins, with bill stuffed into it.

For a man, a sock filled with small candy novelties and fruit and the money stuffed into the toe.

For a woman, a pretty sugar bowl from the five and dime, containing an assortment of coins and bills. Or make a nosegay of dollar bills stuck through a lace paper doily. Use holly and ribbons to aid in flower effect.

A child would love a supply of shiny new pennies and the bank will gladly oblige. Present them in a tarlatan sock, interspersed with chocolates wrapped like coins and silver-wrapped chocolate buds. Or you might just put them in a glass jar—wrap the cover in Christmas paper and stick a few seals on the sides of the jar.

A cute little coin purse holding your offering in assorted coins and bills would be nice for a young girl and a small bracelet charm that holds a bill would be perfect for her.

Christmas Is For Children

Now space is growing short but it wouldn't be our Christmas page if we didn't put in a special word for the children. Christmas is for them more than any one else, so Mothers be very patient with them and let them share in all the preparations of Christmas. Helping get ready for Christmas is more than half the fun so don't be too busy and preoccupied and cross to let them have a part in this fun. Let them help make cookies and candy and decorations for the house. Let them have a little money

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Happy Holidays

Half of the fun of Christmas time is the wonderful holiday cookery—the special festive recipes which we cook for our family and friends. Here are a few of my holiday favorites you might want to try.

It's tradition at our house to have hot sweet bread for Christmas breakfast. Here's the easy way to do it:

Christmas Coffee Cake

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| 1 package hot-roll mix | 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup confectioner's sugar |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg | Water |
| 3 ounces cut-up mixed candied fruit | Whole candied cherries |

Prepare mix according to label instructions, adding sugar, nutmeg, fruit and butter to softened yeast. Form into a twisted rope. Place on greased baking sheet. Let rise until double. Bake at 375°F for 30 minutes, or until nicely browned. Mix confectioner's sugar with a little water and spread over loaf. Top with cherries.

Christmas isn't Christmas without cookies. Here's a recipe for cookies that are different and delicious.

Starlight Mint Surprise Cookies

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| 3 cups flour | 2 eggs |
| 1 teaspoon soda | 2 tablespoons water |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup shortening | 1 package (9 ounces) solid chocolate mint candy wafers |
| 1 cup white sugar | Walnuts or pecans |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, firmly packed | |

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream shortening and sugar. Add unbeaten eggs, water and vanilla, blending in. Then beat well.

Add dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly, cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Enclose chocolate wafers in about a tablespoon of chilled dough. Place on greased baking sheet, two inches apart. Top with a nut and bake in moderate oven (375°F) 10 to 12 minutes.

People say Christmas isn't Christmas without cranberries either, but how about serving them a different way this year with your Christmas dinner. Why not try

Cranberry Sherbet

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| 1 cup granulated sugar | 2 cups cranberries |
| 1 cup water | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grapefruit juice |

Set refrigerator at coldest point. Cook first three ingredients 15 minutes. Cool. Pour into electric blender. Blend one minute. If you do not have a blender, put cooked cranberries through a strainer. Add grapefruit juice and blend $\frac{1}{2}$ minute more. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze. Serve in small sauce dishes or paper souffle cups. Serves eight.

Once the big bird, the turkey, is reduced to skin and bones everybody wants to find a tasty way to finish him off. How about

Turketti

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| 1½ cups raw spaghetti (broken in 2 inch pieces) | 1 can cream-of-mushroom soup |
| 2 cups cut-up turkey | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup turkey broth |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup diced canned pimiento | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ green pepper | $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper |
| 1 onion | 1¾ cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese |

Cook spaghetti, drain and rinse. Place in 1½ quart casserole, the turkey, pimiento, pepper and onion, all diced. Pour in soup undiluted. Rinse can with turkey broth and pour over mixture. Add salt and pepper. Grate cheese. Save one-half cup for topping. Sprinkle rest into casserole. Add spaghetti and toss all ingredients together lightly with two forks. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Bake 45 minutes uncovered in a moderate oven. (375°F)



The NATION'S Library

THE LIBRARY of Congress, rising in baroque elegance on the heights of Capitol Hill, remains unique among the institutions of the world. It is the greatest in the long succession of libraries that have preserved man's expression of thought from century to century. While its provision is for all present and future Americans, the roots of its heritage sink almost endlessly into the past. It does indeed "contain the diary of the human race."

Before looking into the development and operation of this venerable organization we might ask ourselves about this past inheritance. Think back through the pages of your history books to a time 14 centuries ago . . .

As barbarian hordes closed in upon Europe pulling the thick night of the Dark Ages around them, the lights of learning flickered and then died. But in those misty times there were patient, far-seeing men who thought into the future—into times when the sweet yoke of Christianity would rest dove-like upon the shoulders of this wild, rude horde. Then, they knew, would be the time that mankind would once again turn to the cultivation of the things of the spirit, and art and letters would once more flourish to the greater honor and glory of God.

These patient men, the monks in monasteries throughout Europe, looked about them and saw the

vandals ruthlessly destroying and pillaging what man had spent ages in building. Then, like tenacious ants at work on a tremendous mound of bread, set to work to transform by hand the crumbling mountain of man's accumulated thought and activities into the preservable form of manuscript.

Thus the link was forged between ancient learning and the

renewed scholarship of the Renaissance. By substituting vellum for clay or papyrus used in the tablets and scrolls once housed in great Assyrian, Egyptian, Grecian, and Roman archives and libraries, the monks in their Scriptorias gave us bound volumes as we know them today.

First universities patterned their libraries upon those of monasteries. Later, after the tremen-

The Great Hall of Library of Congress; main reading room entrance at corner.





Elaborate architecture of Library of Congress building is in the style of the Italian Renaissance, was completed in 1897 at a cost of \$6,000,000.

Coolidge Auditorium in Library (below) is used for concerts, lectures and other special programs. It was endowed by Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.

dous impetus given to scholarship by the invention of printing, government and private collections were formed, in many instances, from these nuclei. With their systems of cataloging, lending, and interlibrary loans, the Scriptorias became prototypes for the many public libraries which sprang up in the 17th century. Such was the number that Robert Burton was compelled to exclaim: "How much are we bound to those munificent Ptolemies, bountiful Maecenates, heroic patrons, divine spirits, that have provided for us so many well-furnished libraries."

And this was to be the century in which settlers came to our shores. Men of vision among those early colonists brought private collections of books with them, so that learning would not be lost in the wilderness of a new continent. Among such private li-



braries were those of William Brewster of Plymouth, Cotton Mather of Boston, and John Harvard. The first subscription library in America was that projected by Benjamin Franklin at Philadelphia in 1731.

Many of these early subscription and private collections became foundations for public libraries. (From these early beginnings libraries of all types in the United States increased until in 1948 there were 11,334.)

Soon there came a time in our history when it was determined that a special library should be set up to provide our Congressmen and government officials with tools for research upon any subject. Then, in 1800, an Act of Congress provided "for the purchase of such books as may be

Below: A sightless visitor "reads" from one of the numerous volumes in Braille found in the Library.



necessary for the use of Congress at the said city of Washington, and for fitting up a suitable apartment for containing them."

Once established, our Library of Congress was first housed in the Capitol where it was twice ravaged by fire before being moved to its present home in 1897. (In the War of 1812 British soldiers used these books to fire the Capitol building.)



Above: Stairway in the Great Hall on first floor of Library's main building is impressive with marble designs.

gressional continued to take on a national character with the inclusion of the library of the Smithsonian Institution in the collections.

Since 1897, the total number of volumes and pamphlets alone has swelled from 740,000 to the unbelievable total of 9,000,000. And this tremendous collection is not only complete in American, and strong in European material, but it contains a compilation of Orientalia which is not equaled outside the countries of origin.

Just to bring to mind an idea of the strong pillars of past and present scholarship upon which this national storehouse is built, let us just mention some of the items in the Library.

They include the Peter Force Collection of 60,000 Americana; Benjamin Franklin and Rochambeau Collections of the American Revolution; the private papers of Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Monroe, Lincoln, Wilson, as well as of almost all other Presidents; the Cushing and Rockhill Collec-

Since "libraries are not made; they grow," our national Library developed slowly but surely. With the private collection of Thomas Jefferson as a basis, the Library gradually gained strength through becoming the depository not only for documents of foreign governments, but also for copyright deposits for books, music, maps and other items copyrighted in the United States. The Con-

tions of Chinese Literature; the Sultan Adul Hamid II Collection of Turkish Literature; the Vollbehr Collection of incunabula (books printed before the year 1500).

As a reader at the Library you will find that the number of books on aeronautics is now the largest in the world. Besides reproductions of manuscripts in European

archives, the reader has the benefit of a rare book collection numbering 260,000 items.

Collections in law, economics, political science, technology, semantics, religion and the natural sciences are extensive and complete. The assemblage of material relative to music is perhaps the most comprehensive anywhere.

Thirty-six acres of floor space

with 414 miles of shelves hold this vast record of learning.

But this is not merely a huge cold-storage vault full of dusty books. Every day of the year except Christmas Day and the Fourth of July the Library is peopled with earnest, seeking readers who crowd the Library through the days and late into the evenings.

Scholars and educators are here, writing theses or textbooks. There are students of law or medicine who must do lengthy research to fit them for their professions.

There may be a playwright or novelist getting the background for an historical piece.

Periodically, there is an influx of skittish girls from local colleges and finishing schools doing term-papers for English II.

Exchange students studying in our Capital find bottomless supplies of books in their native tongues right here at their fingertips.

The blind come to read Braille and Moon books or listen to long-playing phonograph records. (Through the Library's 25 regional distributing centers, such accommodations are made available to all adult blind residents of the United States and territories.)

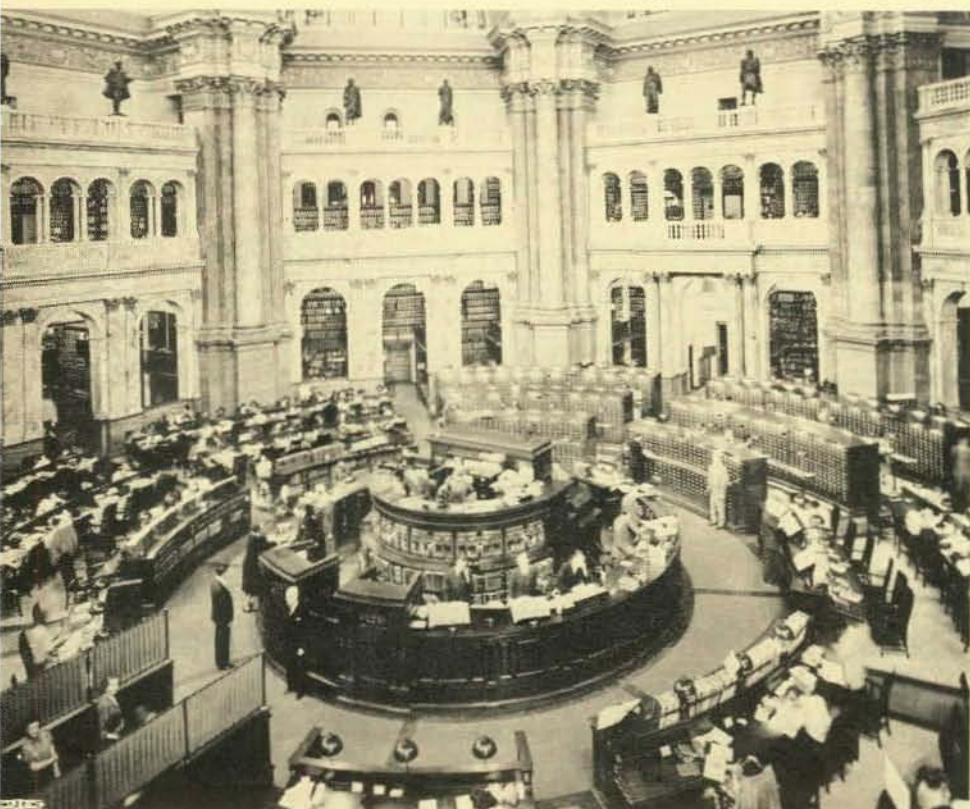
Artists or musicians are here to study the ancient lore of present techniques of their skill.

Or the average, work-a-day American drops in to simply read a favorite magazine or the *New York Times*.

But "a library is not worth anything without a catalogue—it is a Polyphemus without any eye in his head." Therefore, the staff of the Library of Congress has developed an easy-to-use, tremendously inclusive cataloging system which makes it possible for books to be sent for, and to be moved from stacks to readers in the shortest possible lapse of time. (Books scuttle back and forth between Annex and Main Building in pneumatic tubes in only 30 seconds.)

As can be readily realized, the Congressional has developed the

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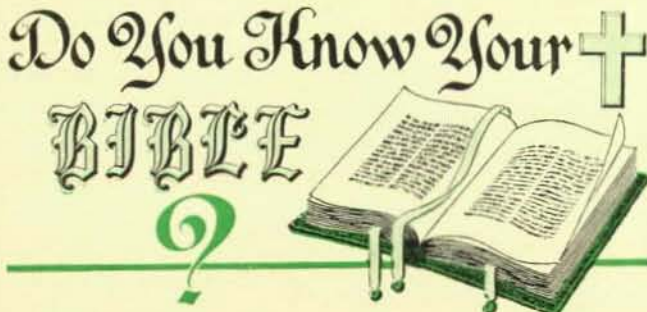


Looking down from balcony on the vast circular main reading room of the Library of Congress, one of the best planned and best equipped in the world.

The Thomas Jefferson reading room (below) is one of numerous rooms used by visitors. Specialized sections are helpful to library researchers.



Do You Know Your Bible?



AS THE Christmas season once again comes upon us, we turn our thoughts from the pallid and febrile things of the world, to the things of God. And, of course, we can read of the things of God in the Holy Bible.

So it is that this month in the JOURNAL we have prepared a quiz for our readers based upon that divinely inspired book.

Count four points for each correct answer. If you make above 50 you have a passing grade. Above 75 gives you a score of Very Good. Score 85-100 for a rating of Excellent.

What do you remember about the books of the Old Testament? Fill in the following blank spaces with the correct answer:

1. The first five books of the Old Testament are known as the.....
2. This book, called....., was written by the first great Hebrew prophet.
3. is the book which tells the story of the going out of the children of Israel from Egypt.
4. The creation and the beginning of the world are told in
5. treats of the offices, ministries, rites and ceremonies of the priests and levites.

Colorful people walk through the pages of the Old Testament. Can you identify the following by matching names with corresponding descriptions?

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| 6. Joseph | the father of his people |
| 7. David | received the ten commandments from God on Mt. Sinai |
| 8. Esther | noted for his wisdom |
| 9. Ruth | saw a vision of angels descending and ascending a ladder to the throne of God |
| 10. Samson | delivered by angels from the city of Sodom |
| 11. Abraham | defeated armies with the jawbone of an ass |

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| 12. Moses | spoke the immortal words: "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" |
| 13. Solomon | a queen who won her king's mercy for the Israelites after risking his anger by disobeying a law |
| 14. Jacob | king and prophet, ruled his people as a true pattern to all good kings |
| 15. Lot | sold by his brothers and carried into Egypt |

In turning to the New Testament we find the life of Christ related in clear, beautiful language. What do you know of the four men who wrote this part of the Bible?

16. Luke became the missionary companion of.....
17. This evangelist was the younger Brother of James, the son of Zebedee. His name was
18., another of the evangelists, was a disciple to Peter.
19. Before abandoning his work to follow Christ, had been a tax gatherer.

The Christmas Story contained in the gospels fills us with love and reverence each time we read or hear it. Many people know it by heart. Do you? See if you can supply the missing words:

20. "And also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called
21.: because he was of the house and family of David,
22. "To be enrolled with his espoused wife, who was with child.
23. "And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. "And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes,; because there was no room for them in the inn.
24. "And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. "And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them;
25. "And the angel said to them:; "For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David."

(Answers on page 76)

P. A. Systems Under St. Louis Local 1

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—When voice amplification became an increasingly lucrative business about a quarter century ago, there were many unions who wanted a slice of the P. A. pie. Even the Musicians' Union claimed they should be the representatives, for the record changing section, because this music was replacing live band music.

The organization of this branch of the electrical industry was probably one of the hardest for Local No. 1, in relation to the small number of men involved.

During the early days of union organization, it was difficult to sell union public address equipment on a rental basis. Only those who could not operate with a picket line in front of their business would listen to a union business representative's sales talk. Even some political candidates

chose to ignore union P. A. operators on their equipment.

Gradually—as more and more of this type of equipment was installed on a permanent basis—Local No. 1 gained control of the complete installation and operation in the field. (This does not include theatrical productions where stage hands are employed.)

A presidential candidate probably contributed as much as anyone to Local No. 1's successful recognition in

the field. While this Republican Presidential Candidate was campaigning during the thirties, he failed to realize the value of union P. A. operators on his sound truck. He managed to work his way throughout the state, but when he came to St. Louis, he was warned that he would run into difficulty. Since he was planning on using our auditorium and making a major speech over radio station KSD, he was eager to sign up union operators.

Local Lines

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Public Address Operators of Local 1



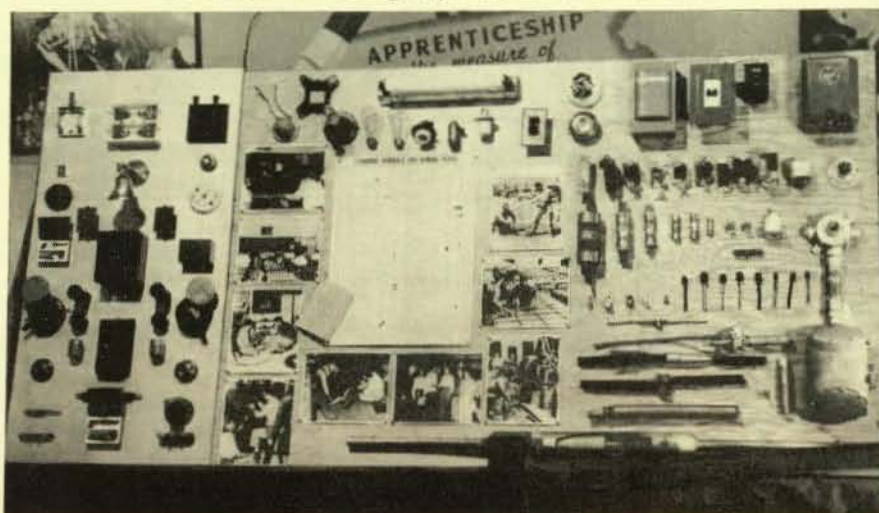
All sizes and types of amplifying equipment are operated by members of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., from small one-microphone input to a twenty-four microphone board like this one shown at left. This amplifier is installed in a huge arena which seats 14,000 people. At left, are Al Sietman, business representative of Local 1, in charge of television, radio and P.A. men, Al Hines, chief electrician of the arena and Chief Operator Ray Moore. At right is the amplifying panel connected to the distribution lines of Wired Music, Inc. Seated, Oliver Karg keeps a constant check on all programs to assure low level amplified sound. Standing, are Robert Richardson, executive vice president of

Wired Music, and Thomas Niehaus, job foreman.



In the operating room of Wired Music, Inc., in downtown St. Louis, Operator Earl Fleissner plays transcriptions which are heard through Bell Telephone Co. wires in banks, factories, hotels and businesses, on an eighteen hour a day basis. Thomas Niehaus looks on. Shown at right is the band stand of a walkathon show. Even the help get a laugh out of these performances, as Electrical Maintenance Man Bill Donahue, at far left, and P. A. Man Cliff Herrin, at amplifier console on the bandstand, demonstrate.

Local 7 Display at States Fair



"Apprenticeship Program" was the theme of the Eastern States Fair held recently at West Springfield, Mass. This is a portion of the display entered by Local 7 of Springfield.

Since that time, Local 1's claim has never been disputed, and today, we enjoy the close cooperation of hotels, country clubs, and promoters of prize fights, wrestling matches and circuses.

Local 1 has a branch for P. A. men. They are kept busy installing, servicing and operating all equipment used for the amplification of sound.

Installation of this permanent equipment is done on the construction scale, while the operators' scale of wages is \$125 weekly.

FRANK KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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Christmas Thoughts From N. Y. Local 3

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Another year draws to a close and again we have come to the time for the celebration of the Birth of Christ with the singing of Christmas hymns and carols and the bringing of some measure of cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves. In so doing we make our own happiness greater. We present gifts to our loved ones and to our friends, particularly to the children, which is as it should be, for it really is their day and that of the Christ Child.

With the significance of the day in mind the officers and members of Local Union 3, I.B.E.W., extend to our International Officers and to the officers and members of all the local unions of the Brotherhood best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Let us continue to pray for a just peace and that our new national President, no matter who he is, will have the wisdom and strength to lead the Nation as we want it to be led. God bless you all.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

Massachusetts Features Central Labor Exhibit

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Every year, about a half million people, from all walks of life, attend the Eastern States Exposition at West Springfield, Massachusetts, during the third week of September, to see the largest fair in the East, and one that ranks with the best in the nation.

Five of the six New England States have erected their own permanent exhibit building on the Exposition grounds. This year, the State of Massachusetts, invited the Springfield Central Labor Union to put on an exhibition in one wing of the Massachusetts building. The theme used for this exhibit was the apprenticeship training program. Local 7 contributed its share—contrasting the old and new wiring methods, with displays of approved methods and those that are condemned. The "horrible examples" were furnished by the City of Springfield Electrical Inspection Department.

An Exposition of this size, creates considerable work each year for Local No. 7 men, wiring the various displays.

The state buildings, contract for the wiring in their respective buildings, and some of them in the past (notably the State of Maine) have been wired by non-union contractors, therefore, Business Agent Bill Wylie, took it upon himself, to send to the Governors of the various states, a list of union contractors, requesting that a union contractor be chosen to wire their exhibits. A letter of acknowledgment was received from Governor F. Payne, State of Maine, stating that he turned the list of Union contractors over to the committee in charge. The committee acknowledged receipt of the list but went ahead and wired their building, non-union.

It looks as if some changes will be made in our apprenticeship training program. For some time, the apprentices have been grumbling that they were not getting the training that they felt they needed, so a new committee was formed to look into the matter. Through information furnished by Frank Graham of the International, of a program that has been developed by Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, lesson plans and pertinent information relating to this course has been sent to our committee by Mr. L. B. Baker of the Texas State Joint Committee, I.B.E.W. and N.E.C.A. This material will be displayed and its contents discussed at the next meeting.

We have just heard that Brother Charles Caffrey, Second District Representative of the International Executive Council, is at the Cabot-Kaiser Hospital, Washington, D. C. Charley, the Brothers of Local 7, are rooting for you!

IRVING WEINER, P.S.

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Retirement Party Is Great Success

L. U. 9, CHICAGO, ILL.—On the evening of September 17, a real bang-up retiring party was held for five members of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, Department of Streets and Electricity of the City of Chicago.

About 200 persons attended a party that will remain in the memory of the retiring members for a long time to come, and the friends who were there to bid them adieu.

The party was held at the Ted Knusman Post 13 AMVET'S Clubhouse, 751 North Parkside Avenue. Brother Green who was one of the committee, is the chairman of the Clubhouse Policy Committee. His post stands 15th in the country and 5th in the State of Illinois for the number of members and is one of the fastest growing. Many union members of the different trades including 20 members of Local Union 9 and 134, are among its membership.

A television set provided the Davey vs. Graziano fight as part of the entertainment. A wonderful Smorgasbord buffet was well taken care of by those in attendance, washed down by a sufficient amount of the amber fluid.

The retired members are:

William T. Kruger, assistant chief fire alarm wires; Matthew Benner, telegraph repairman in charge; Edward Kelly, telegraph repairman in charge; Charles Catlin, telegraph repairman in charge, and Frank Kasky, electrical mechanic, Local Union 134.

Among the friends of the retired members in attendance were—2nd Deputy Fire Marshal Albert Peterson, Chicago Fire Department—Battalion Chiefs Ulrich and Scanlon—Robert E.

Veterans Honored by Burbank Local 18



At a recent program honoring the veteran members of Local 18, Burbank, Calif., Vice President Oscar Harbak, at right in photo on left, congratulates Brother Tom Birchfield after presenting him with his 40-year pin. At right, Brother Harry Fiedler receives his 35-year pin and the congratulations of Brother H. M. "Bill" Williams, right. Former President, Fred Brindley, center was presented with a 25-year pin.

Sweeney, chief of Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph Wires, and Harold S. Hart, chief of the Fire Alarm Bureau.

Former retired members were given complimentary tickets. Some of those who were present in this capacity were—Business Manager of Local Union 9 Frank Benner, President of Local Union 9 William Parker, George Egan and Elmer Pierce. Many were unable to attend because of illness or being out of town at the time, but sent their compliments by letter and telegraph.

A special bouquet should be extended to the hard working committee that engineered this swell affair. The committee members were—Frank Faul, Henry Thoma, Marmet Green, and Joseph Hedderman—all of the Fire Alarm Office.

I will take this opportunity to extend the Season's Greetings to all the members of the I.B.E.W., and a special set of greetings to those of our members in the armed forces, the Officers and employees of the International Office and all its affiliated local unions.

NICK BURKARD, P.S.

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30c Wage Increase For Local 25, N. Y.

L. U. 25, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—Local 25, I.B.E.W. has jurisdiction of electrical construction covering territory of famous Long Island, New York, which includes the fastest growing counties in the United States—Nassau and Suffolk Counties. These counties have a population of 1,000,000 and are still zooming.

Local 25 has its headquarters and meeting hall located in Westbury, Long Island. We have established and financed three schools which are in operation for our members. We em-

ploy approximately 10 instructors the year 'round. The schools are located in Bayshore, Hempstead, and Westbury. We have full and complete courses in electrical theory and practice, and specialize in large conduit bending, cable splicing, lead wiping, motor controls, electronic controls, foremen classes, construction layout, and electrical estimating.

Our business manager's office, which spearheads the activity of Local 25, is comprised of Joseph Gramer, business manager (and charter member), Herbert L'Hommedieu, assistant business manager (and charter member), and Edward Klouda, assistant business manager.

Our office manager, Charles Schaefer, is a member of our Executive Board.

The Officers of Local 25, I.B.E.W. are:

President, Andrew Everett; Vice President, George Wheeler; Recording Secretary, William J. Callanan; Financial Secretary, James H. Neumeyer; Treasurer, James Allwin; Business Manager, Joseph C. Gramer; Assistant Business Manager, Herbert L'Hommedieu, and Assistant Business Manager, Edward Klouda.

Executive Board: Irl Everett, Sr., Fred Faber, Lemuel Howell, and Charles Schaefer.

Examining Board: Phillip Currie, R. Hedlund, and Arthur Peto.

We have been blessed with courageous officers, who gave everything in their struggle to uphold the gains and protect the working conditions of Local 25. Our former business manager, the late William Halleran, and his assistant, the late Walter Butler, both fatally succumbed to the demands of the job within a few weeks during the very early part of 1952. They sacrificed their lives fighting to protect our gains while struggling to achieve the best conditions for our members. Our



Brother Frank Bartholomew, retired member of Local 18, recalls early struggles on the Pacific Coast, after being presented with his 50-year membership pin.

present officers are fighting hard and effectively to keep up the progressive pace set by our late Brothers Halleran and Butler.

Bill Halleran, before he died, notified the Executive Board and other members that his goal for 1952 was to achieve a 30 cent-per-hour wage increase for the members of Local 25 . . . the highest wage rate in the State of New York and one of the highest in the nation. Unfortunately, Brothers Halleran and Butler did not live to realize this "dream." This increase (30 cents per hour) is now in effect and this, their "dream," has become a reality. We want to take the opportunity, at this time, to express our sincere appreciation to our International Office for assigning Representative Alfred Terry to assist and guide our local union during a time when we urgently needed assistance.

Along with members of Local 25, Brother Terry raised the banner inscribed with the goal of our late Brothers Halleran and Butler and helped carry Local 25 to victory. He advised our committee prior to nego-

Copter Used to Move Line



When the Department of Water and Power of Los Angeles found it would take three days to clear brush in the Hollywood Hills to move a telephone line, they employed this helicopter and a large reel of surplus Army Signal Corps telephone wire. Brother Stanley E. Hyde of Local 18, Burbank, Calif., was given the chore of holding the wire from the seat beside the pilot and dropping it if anything went wrong. A 2 x 4 beam, being used as a brake, caught fire from the excessive friction of the revolving reel, but after two unsuccessful tries the job was accomplished. Walter Matney, general foreman of the communication section, is shown communicating with the copter by Walkie-Talkie.

tiations. He attended and acted as chairman during negotiations and kept the contractors' committee in continuous session from 10:00 a.m. in the morning until 3:00 a.m. the following morning until agreement was reached and the 30 cents per hour increase became an accomplished fact. (The contractors had four pages of demands with at least 60 "requests." They were prepared to keep negotiations going for at least a year.) Terry attended the contractors' membership meeting and urged them to ratify and consummate their committee's recommendations, and stayed in the lobby of the hotel until they did so. He wrote the brief which was presented to the CISC of the WSB for approval.

May we acquaint you with some of our Local 25 benefits and our 1952 wage rate?

Journeyman: Not less than \$3.30 per hour.

Apprentices:

1st Year Not less than \$1.32 per hour
2nd Year Not less than \$1.65 per hour
3rd Year Not less than \$2.31 per hour
4th Year Not less than \$2.64 per hour

Foremen's wages: The minimum foreman's rates, in addition to journeyman's scale, are as follows:

3 to 5 men — \$2.00 per day
6 to 10 men — \$3.00 per day
11 to 16 men — \$4.50 per day
17 to 22 men — \$6.00 per day

For each additional six above 22 men the foreman shall receive an additional \$1.50 per day to a maximum of \$220.00 per week.

For every 10 men employed on any job a sub-foreman shall be appointed and shall receive not less than the

minimum foreman's rate as specified above.

No foreman shall have more than 5 sub-foremen under him. On jobs which require two or more foremen, a general foreman shall be designated.

Workmen do not take orders or directions or accept a layout from anyone except their immediate foreman or sub-foreman.

The employer recognizes the right of the union to appoint a steward on every job or shop where workmen are employed under the terms of this agreement. Such stewards shall be allowed sufficient time during working hours to see that the terms and conditions of the agreement and the working rules of the local union are observed at his job or shop.

No steward shall be discriminated against by any employer because of his faithful performance of his duties as steward.

Seven Hour Day—35 Hour Week

Seven hours of work between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.—with one-half hour for lunch period, shall constitute a work day. Thirty-five hours within five days—Monday through Friday inclusive—shall constitute a work week.

Overtime

Double time rate is paid on all electrical construction when worked after the regular working hours. In other words, all Saturday, Sunday and Holiday work is at the double time rate of \$6.60 per hour. Also, Monday through Friday, during the hours of

3:31 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. is at the \$6.60 per hour rate. Overtime on temporary light maintenance is at the time and one-half rate of \$4.95, per hour. Overtime on temporary light installations is done at the construction rate of \$6.60 per hour.

When five or more journeymen are employed on any one job, every sixth journeyman employed shall be 55 years of age or older.

Our Welfare and Medical Plan financed by the industry includes:

1. Paid doctor's fees for servicing members and their families. (Visits to home, hospital, or doctor's office—paid by plan).
2. Surgical services for members and their families paid by plan.
3. X-Ray and Laboratory Report expenses for members and their families will be paid by medical plan.

Local 25 is very proud in achieving the highest wage rate in the State of New York on all electrical construction work. However, in spite of our feelings regarding our progress and achievements, our sister locals in the great State of New Jersey, at this time, have a slight edge on us and hold the record of having achieved for their members the highest wage rate on electrical construction in the entire nation.

On New Year's Eve, when we offer our prayers in thanks for the many blessings we have received and we drink a toast in honor of our great Brotherhood, may we suggest that we also include a toast in honor of the progress that our sister locals in the great State of New Jersey have attained. May we join with you in spirit on New Year's Eve with a wish for a Happy and Successful New Year. We would enjoy hearing from you. Do send us a card. A Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

HERBERT L'HOMMEDIEU, P.S.

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Urges Passage of Raised Assessment

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—By the time you read this the election will be over and the results will be history, but at the time of this writing we still have a few days to wait. I sincerely hope that you all took advantage of that great American freedom and exercised your right to vote. Even if you don't want to vote for someone or something, you can vote against it. Just because your father was a Democrat or a Republican is no reason for you to vote that way.

I understand there have been quite a few arguments both pro and con in regard to the new raise in weekly work assessment. The Brothers who are against the raise should look into the individual case histories of the

boys who have either been hurt on the job or hospitalized due to an unforeseen illness or even those who have suddenly passed away.

Some of these Brothers would have had a pretty tough time of it had it not been for the benefits accumulated through these weekly assessments. In fact some cases would have had to resort to charity organizations.

Brother Carl Scholtz should be the receiver of a good hearty handshake and a pat on the back for his untiring efforts for the betterment of our welfare.

Incidentally, I personally know of a few instances in our Brotherhood, that if anything happened to the bread winner of the family the only compensation he would have would be the benefits from his seven-and-half-cents per hour assessment.

An item on Baltimore sports: It was interesting to note an article in the *Morning Sun* the other day, written by Baltimore's outstanding sports writer, emphasizing the fact that Baltimore is ready to support big league baseball and professional football. This your correspondent doubts. And to bring my doubt closer to reality was a paragraph in the same column, stating that the sports writer (Jesse Linthicum) and Bernard Simon (Eddie Leonard) Baltimore's most popular sportsman(?) watched the heavyweight championship fight from the screen of the Stanley Theater. Some big league staff!

So as the month draws near an end we will close with this little word of advice, quote, "It often shows fine command of language to refrain from using it."

A. ANDERSON, P.S.

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Traditional Picnic For Ohio Veterans

L. U. 38, CLEVELAND, OHIO.—On Saturday, August 2, 1952, Local Union No. 38 held its annual picnic for its old timers. To be eligible to attend this picnic one must have 35 years standing in the Brotherhood and be a member of Local Union No. 38

Honor Members of Washington Local



President Creager and Business Manager Preller of Local 26, Washington, D. C., offer their congratulations to Brother L. J. Johnston, who has just received his 50-year membership scroll and pin, while Apprentices Herman Myer and R. W. Souder, with hands raised for their oath of obligation, look on. Another 50-year member, Charlie Dodge, and retiring brother, Russell Wood, who was to have been presented with an engraved gold watch, were unable to be present due to illness.

at the time of the picnic. The accompanying picture represents practically all those eligible that were present. As usual the old timers enjoyed themselves immensely. This annual affair is so successful that other members are attempting to lower the eligible length of membership to 25 years. This movement has been constantly defeated by the old timers. Membership in this old timers group has become a goal, of which when attained the membership proudly boast. This group is growing constantly larger each year. Local Union No. 38 highly recommends that other I.B.E.W. organizations give similar recognition to the old timers who were responsible for building an organization which we today are so proud of.

VINCENT B. SKODIS, B.M.

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Golden Anniversary Of Brother Focht

L. U. 40, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—On Monday, September 22, 1952, at

the regular local union meeting, Brother Ray Focht was presented a 50-Year Pin, Anniversary Coin, Letter and Scroll.

Brother Focht was initiated in Local Union 235 on September 27, 1902.

Presentation was made by International Representative Lester B. Morell, who gave a short inspiring talk.

After the presentation, Brother Focht was asked to say a few words. He told the members present of some of the conditions that existed when he first became a member of the Brotherhood, and related the many improvements that have been made since those days. Brother Focht reminded the young members that the things they now enjoy were not just handed to our membership, but were fought for by the old-timers, many of whom were present at the meeting.

After his talk, the entire body rose and gave Brother Focht a stirring round of applause.

CHARLES L. THOMAS, B.M.

Annual Old-timers' Picnic of Local 38



This fine turn-out was present at the annual picnic given by Local 38, Cleveland, Ohio, to honor its old-time members, who must have 35 years of service to be eligible.

Join in Congratulating Hollywood Veteran



At a recent meeting of Local 40, Hollywood, Calif., International Representative Lester Morrell pins a 50-year pin on the lapel of Brother Ray Focht. Joining in the ceremony, in photo at right, are Local President Frank Webster, Business Manager C. L. Thomas, Brother Focht and International Representative Morrell.

Describes Efficiency Of Syracuse Local 43

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—This city of Syracuse is still often referred to as "The Salt City" but salt has not been manufactured here in many years. Instead, it is the home of Syracuse University, as well as many nationally known products such as Crouse Hinds Condulets, Nettleton Shoes, Carrier Air Conditioning Systems, General Electric Radio and TV transmitters and receivers, Porter Cable Electric Tools, and innumerable other famous products that carry the fame of Syracuse to the four corners of the earth. We are proud of our city but equally proud of our local

union and its energetic and efficient officers, particularly Bill Quigley our president and Bill Butler our business manager who were recently reelected by unanimous vote of the members of Local Union 43. Under their capable direction and with the aid of a well-functioning Executive Board, coordinating with an unusually high standard treasurer and an equally outstanding secretary, our business affairs have been conducted on a high plane of efficiency and effectiveness. Our meetings start on time and are devoid of the wrangling and bickering that so often prevail.

A new agreement has been ratified without the loss of a single day's time of our members and a cordial relationship exists between us and our con-

tractor-employers. For this we are grateful to our business manager and his astute committee. We often take these excellent working conditions too much for granted without considering the many trying hours spent by our officers in trying to achieve these benefits for us. There should be more "flowers for the living" and more expressions of appreciation on our part toward those who have carried the burden of negotiation to fulfillment.

The last meeting was highlighted by a highly informative talk and demonstration by W. A. (Bill) Schmotzer, supervisor of the Service Information Division of the White-Rogers Electric Company of St. Louis who explained and demonstrated the use of his company's excellent line of controls used on domestic and commercial central heating plants. If you have not heard Bill's talk, get in touch with him through his company and ask that he favor your local union meeting with the same talk and demonstration. He's worth listening to.

The members stood in silent prayer for our deceased Brother Edward J. Farrell who passed away in September. Ed was one of the old timers who will be missed by many.

The Business Manager Bill Butler, reported on his activities for the past month and deplored his inability to provide contractors with the number of men they desire. So, if any Brothers want to live and work in what has been termed "The second fastest growing city in the United States," get in touch with the business manager.

The Sick Committee reported that Brother Elmer Kerlin is still confined to his bed at the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx, New York. His address is:

NOTICE

This is a notice to all our employers and our workers, particularly those in public utilities, not to supply funds to any solicitors for the purpose of erecting a memorial to our late A. F. of L. President William Green.

No person or organization has been authorized by the A. F. of L. to solicit for such a fund. An appropriate memorial will be erected in the near future but it will be by the members of the A. F. of L.

W. W. Tracy
International President.

Veterans Hospital, 4-DW22, Bronx, N. Y. Drop him a line, Brothers and, if in the vicinity of the hospital, call on him.

WILLIAM J. NIGHT, P.S.

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Local 47 Moves to Cancel Agreement

L. U. 47, ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—Just a word of two to our good Brothers and Sisters elsewhere in the area served by our I.B.E.W.

We are having the normal run of problems that most of you locals face; however we are attempting a move this year that we have not seen fit to tackle before and that is to cancel our agreement with the Southern California Edison Company.

This is an amended contract that has been in effect since 1944 and has the typical "no strike" clause. Therefore it was necessary to go through the cancellation red tape to get out from under that particular clause and to be in conformity with the duration termination and renewal article.

We submitted the question of the cancellation to our members in a secret mail ballot. The return was very encouraging together with a high percentage in favor of cancellation.

Our requests are large; union shop; double time for all overtime; shift differential; wage increases of 30 cents per hour and several more. These changes are not beyond the scope of negotiating, so long as we can continue receiving the membership's support.

I sincerely hope our next article to the JOURNAL can be written with the Democrats in office for the coming four years and that we can report victory in our negotiations.

It is hard to imagine at this writing that Christmas is so near. Regardless of the weather, the calendar is quite clear, so I'll sign off by saying, "Holiday wishes to all of you from Local 47."

DICK RAPATTONI, P.S.

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Outstanding Assistance For Portland Member

L. U. 48, PORTLAND, ORE.—There is one member of Local 48 who knows why his union calls itself a Brotherhood. Brother Arthur M. Hansen has been a member of a ship repair crew at Marine Electric Company since 1942 and has worked steady until June when a blood clot formed in his left leg. An operation saved his life but he lost his leg just above the knee.

No accident was involved so he had no coverage from the State Industrial Accident Commission and things were looking pretty tough.

In his morning mail one day he re-



"DECK the halls with boughs of holly, 'Tis the season to be jolly!" The most holy and joyful season of Christmastide once again is here. Our communities are alive with glowing red and green lights, Santa Clauses, the scent of Christmas trees and prickly holly with its shiny green leaves and bright red berries. All this goes to make a bright and festive Christmas, but without holly, well,—it just wouldn't be Christmas.

There are many legends told about holly and its use, and we have picked just a few to tell you. It is said that the holly bush was once a tall and stately tree, and that it shriveled to a scrub when the cross of the Crucifixion was made from its wood. Its berries, once yellow, turned red and became the drops of Christ's blood, while its green leaves signify everlasting life.

It was believed too that it was from a holly bush that God spoke to Moses in the wilderness and because the holly kept the whereabouts of our Saviour secret when his enemies were searching for Him, it was rewarded with the privilege of keeping its green leaves all winter.

ceived a "Get Well" card from the gang at Marine Electric and tucked inside was a check for \$1,000.00. The Ship Repair crew had worked overtime on a rush job and instead of taking their pay they let it build up. When the goal was almost reached, the company and its president, Damon Trout, made up the difference.

Brother Hansen expects to get an artificial leg in August and be back at work before too long.

Brother H. H. Harrison, business manager of Local 48, says he has never heard of so large a gift to a fellow member in our union or in any other. We want to wish Brother Hansen the best of luck in the future and hope he can carry on where he left off regardless of his handicap.

School has started once again and that only means that summer vacations are over.

Local 48 held its annual picnic August 9, at Bonnie Lure Park. A gala day was spent with picnic lunches, swimming, games, races, horseshoe pitching, ball game, etc. The Picnic Committee consisting of Bill Brust, Homer Lemmon, Herman Teeple, Bill Munnings, Roger Niedermeyer and Al

Another legend relates that on the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the stable to adore the infant Jesus, a little lamb following the shepherds was caught by the holly thorn and the red berries are his blood drops which froze on the branches.

Actually, the name holly is a variation of names given it by early writers, some using holin, hollin, holm, holegn, hulver, or hulst when referring to this scrub. There are nearly 300 species throughout the temperate and tropic zones of the world, plus many hybrids and natural species.

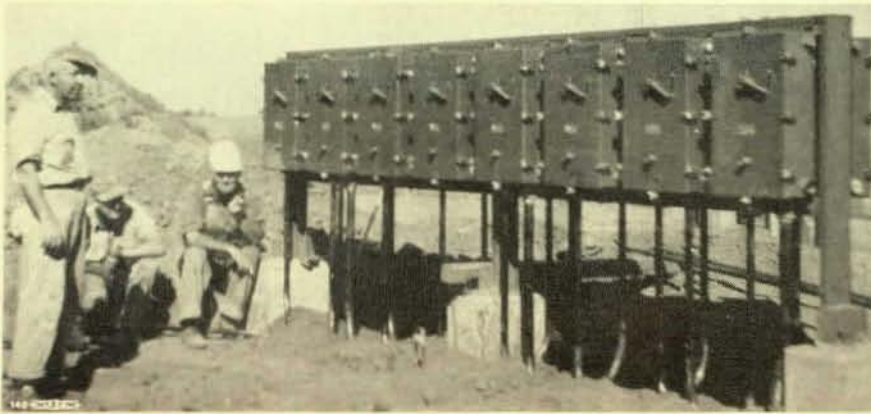
Of the many different types of holly, English and American holly are the most familiar to many of us. The English holly, *ilex aquifolium*, (aquifolium, meaning sharp-leaved) is native to the British Isles, Central and Southern Europe and Asia and is very green and glossy with sharp leaves, while the American holly is duller, with toothed leaves less spiny than the English scrub. It is grown chiefly in our Pacific northwest and shipped all over our country to decorate American homes for the Christmas season.

Bauder were congratulated on doing such a fine job. Prizes consisting of bags of groceries were given away to all winners in games and drawings. This seemed to make a big hit with all the winners as it made it easy on daddy's pocketbook for the weekend supply of groceries.

Our International Secretary, Brother J. Scott Milne was a guest speaker at our August monthly meeting. Brother Milne reported on the Pension Benefit Fund. A special order of business was held at the September L. U. meeting and Local 48 voted to loan \$50,000 to our International Pension Fund.

One of our pensioners, Brother Bill Zingsheim, 2725 N. W. Raleigh Street, Portland, is an inventor as many of you may already know. Brother Bill has the famous "Zing Punch" as one of his favorites. It cuts a 4" hole in 60 seconds with just a chisel guide, adaptor ring, anvil and a special curved chisel. The Zing Punch comes in a number of sizes and shapes and cuts a smooth accurate hole in switch boxes, load and power centers, sheet metal, etc. Any Brother who is inter-

Pipeline in Local 67 Jurisdiction



These scenes of the construction at the Sinclair Pipe Line Booster Station, in the jurisdiction of Local 67, Quincy, Ill., were taken by the job's foreman, Brother Orville Long. The line runs from Oklahoma to Chicago.

ested in Bill's "Zing Punch" may contact him for further information.

In closing may I again urge all members to attend our monthly local union meetings. A few new faces were present last time and we would like to see a lot more.

ELDON L. KELLAS, P. S.

Change of Officers At Quincy, Illinois

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—Here in Quincy we are having some very fine weather. In fact, October is one of the most beautiful months of the year. This is when the Old Master Painter gets out his brushes and starts to color the landscape and some of the hills and valleys are a wonderful sight to see.

During the month of September we had some changes in officers. Brother F. W. Skaggs resigned as business manager because of ill health and Brother C. Snyder, our president resigned to accept the business manager office. Brother Cliff Williams was appointed as president and Brother Orville Long was appointed vice president. All appointments were made to fill unexpired terms until our next regular election of officers.

November 4 has passed and I hope all the Brothers got out and voted as we were allowed time off without losing any pay to do our duty. November 11, Armistice Day, will have passed and also Thanksgiving Day, so the next big day will be Christmas, and I do hope everybody has a big time on that day.

On October 1 the agreement with the contractors went into effect and now the scale of wages in Quincy for journeymen of Local 67 is \$2.50 per hour.

Enclosed you will find two photographs of some of the construction at the Sinclair Pipe Line Booster Station. These were taken by Brother

Orville Long, foreman on the job. The pipe line runs from Oklahoma to Chicago, Illinois. With weather conditions as it is, work has been going on at a very good pace. I do not believe anybody is out of work at this time and I think we will continue through the winter.

For the present time I will say: "Wishing all the Brothers of all our electrical unions a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year," and so until 1953, good luck and may God bless you all!

R. H. LUBBERING, P.S.

Correspondent's Welcome Return from Hospital

L. U. 79, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—After

seven months in a hospital, I am thankful to say I am to be discharged as of this writing.

I am told my reconditioning was a success and that there is now plenty of mileage in the old Frankenstein yet.

I received a nice television set and many nice letters from the boys in the local during my stay for which I intend to thank them at the first opportunity.

I am not up to date on union affairs so I am not prepared to talk shop.

As I wrote this, politics was on the last lap before election. We can be thankful for that, and that we had the opportunity to participate in deciding who will pilot our Government, as well as the many things for which we may be individually thankful.

Join in Local 90 Fete



Posing for another photo to include even more honored guests and Local 190 officers are shown, left to right, seated: Joseph J. Egan, President, New Haven Central Labor Council; Reverend Robert Hamilton; Henry Teirney, N.E.C.A. Representative; Edward Balon; Albert Barone; standing: William Steinmiller, International Representative; Joseph M. Rourke, Secretary, Connecticut Federation of Labor; Bernard Gilbride, Business Manager, Local 90; Walter Keneflek, International Representative; J. Scott Milne, International Secretary-Treasurer; Dominic Panagrossi, President, Local 90.

First Annual Scroll Dinner of Local 90



These 25-year members of Local 90, New Haven, Conn., posed at the First Annual Scroll Dinner of the local. They are, left to right, front row: Nick Coassin; Walter Faustman; Henry A. G. Geis; Edward Woodruff; Frank Baehr; Charles Collins; John Lyke; Michael LaSurke; second row: Emery Gray; Carl Riccitelli; Joseph DeGoursey; William Niemeyer; Henry Loesche; Thomas Kennedy; Frank Jacobs; Ernest Chabot; Henry Guenther; Myles Brennan; Howard Fistere; Oscar Boucher; Botvid Eriksen; A. Christopherson; Bernard Gilbride.

My primary reason for writing this letter is that for this once I would be on time in wishing all our Brothers A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

FRED KING, P. S.

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Weather, Work Still Favorable for Local 81

L. U. 81, SCRANTON, PA.—Well all the boys are working every day, no one is idle at present, and it looks good for some time to come. At present the two big jobs on top of Mount Pocono are going strong. One of the jobs is under our President, Joseph Brazill, as superintendent, and the other job is being run by Brother Ed Cole, as superintendent, and each job has a good crew of men with a few Foremen going strong. All we hope is that the weather will hold out and stay a little warm so we can get some of our work in and some more full pays before the holidays set in. For when it gets cold up on the mountain it is cold and I really mean it. The boys from this locality know that.

Guess I will sign off for now, and I wish all the boys from all our local unions A Very Merry Christmas and A Very Very Happy New Year.

FRED S. SIEBECKER, P. S.

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WSB Okays Atlanta Wage Increase

L. U. 84, ATLANTA, GA.—We have been trying to organize the Rural Electrification Association workers in Jefferson, Georgia and won the election held by the National Labor Relations Board, but have been unable to



Officers and distinguished guests of Local 90 at the banquet's head table were, left to right, seated: Bernard Gilbride, Business Manager Local 90; Walter Kenefick, International Representative; J. Scott Milne, International Secretary; Dominic Panagrossi, President Local 90; standing: Joseph Rourke, Secretary Connecticut Federation of Labor; William Steinmiller, International Representative; Joseph J. Egan, President New Haven Central Labor Council.

set a date for contract negotiations. We hope it won't be as long as it has been.

Local 84 is glad to announce that the Wage Stabilization Board granted us a 10% wage increase with several fringe benefits. They passed on our case on September 10, 1952.

I am glad to report that we have enough work for our members at present and hope that it stays that way.

Here is just a little thought that our only living charter member, Brother Jerome Foster passed on in our last meeting. He said that: "The Brotherhood is like a bank. The more you put into it the more you get out." How far wrong is he?

I would like any suggestions any

of the other press secretaries can give me on how to better my report.

J. E. HICKS, P. S.

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First Scroll Dinner Proves Great Success

L. U. 90, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Enclosed please find three pictures that were taken at the First Annual Scroll Banquet given by Local 90 in honor of our 25 year men. The banquet was held at the Wilcox Pier Restaurant, West Haven, Connecticut on September 27, 1952.

I would appreciate it if you would put a picture or two in the JOURNAL.

BERNARD GILBRIDE, B. M.

Veteran Labor Backer Feted at Grand Rapids

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The man who signed the first agreement with our Local was honored at a testimonial dinner on the evening of October 29th. The first written contract was signed by Mr. Earl T. Cotton and the company formed in 1911 became known as the Cotton Electric Company.

Mr. Cotton had been a journeyman member of the local and participated in the early efforts to unionize the industry and to generally better the lot of the wiremen of his times. Not satisfied with working under sweatshop conditions, Earl went into business for himself, taking a partner into the business. His first employee was our own chief electrical Inspector of Grand Rapids, George A. Tompkins, a longtime member of Local 107.

It may be said that it was Mr. Cotton who saved our local from complete collapse. Through their early struggle, this local was in dire straights and it was the employees of the Cotton Shop who managed to work and by their sheer tenacity weather the storm to win a foothold in this one-time union hating city.

The party was well attended and among the guests were Mr. Leon Heth, co-partner of Mr. Cotton in the early days and Mr. George Tompkins, his first employee, who gave a very complimentary speech in behalf of the guest of honor.

We were fortunate in having our International Representative Mel Harris, with us. His remarks were most complimentary and paid tribute to the man who for 50 years had



maintained such good relations with the I.B.E.W.

Bob Coulter, our business manager, spoke about the complexity of unionism today as compared to 50 years ago and lauded Mr. Cotton for his service to the community.

As this article will appear in the December issue, may I wish all of our brothers a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of prosperity. Above all else, we pray for Peace and Good Will Toward Men.

LLOYD BLOOMBERG, P. S.

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New Business Agent For Tampa Local

L. U. 108, TAMPA, FLA.—Our President Clayton Pierce appointed me press secretary so I'd better get

started and see if I can dig up some news of interest.

Some of our far-flung 108 Brothers may be reading this JOURNAL, so it may interest them to know that our business manager is now Brother A. W. Schmidt. "Schmitty" succeeded Walter Lightsey who did a very good job and helped our local progress. This is not a new assignment for Brother Schmidt as he has served as assistant business manager for the past five years.

Tampa is located in Hillsborough County and we just finished building a new court house here. It is a beautiful building covering an entire block. The local contractor on the electrical work was Meadows and Robison. The boys that worked on this modern building are proud of their work and the part that they have played to improve Tampa.

Our apprentice class is now going full steam ahead. Over 50 pupils are in attendance with their eyes on a journeyman's ticket some day. The instructors in this fine work are George Govreau, and Victor Moore.

We have a very fine Negotiating Committee and they are meeting with all the contractors in our jurisdiction. The report is that a very good attendance is being upheld and we all hope that a very good contract will be the ultimate result.

A noteworthy item to know is that during our general meeting, which is the second Thursday, 10 minutes are spent reading the Constitution. The members can ask questions and get a better understanding of our union.

Although we are unable to offer you work, we welcome you to Florida as vacation guests.

A. L. KAISER, P. S.

Local 107 Honors Long-time Supporter



At the testimonial dinner for Mr. Earl T. Cotton given in appreciation of his long support by the members of Local 107, Grand Rapids, Mich., Mr. Cotton is shown at left trying out his new lounge chair, ottoman, and smoking stand, gifts of the local. With him, left to right, are Lee Dryden of Harlan Electric Co.; Mel Harris, International Representative; Mr. Beck of Harlan Electric, and L. Bloomberg. The group at right are part of those who joined in honoring Mr. Cotton: Ed Visser; Mr. Beck; Lester Hopkins; George Mellor; and Ed Hormig.

Prospects Slow but Steady for Local 113

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—The time of year, of years has arrived for us to ponder two very important items.—The first of these being an every year occurrence.—The second and most important, one which occurs every four years.

Number one—what happened to our summer wages? Will we get enough work this winter so that we can hold body and soul together? Unless something of an unforeseen nature occurs, I believe we of Colorado Springs will manage to survive. Nothing rushing but slow and (we hope) steady.

Number two—Election year. Did you vote? If so, are you sure your candidates are the right ones? We in unions have a lot to lose if the election has gone the wrong way; so Brother you had better hope your ballot was marked correctly. All this I say before November 4th, but knowing this will arrive in your homes around Christmas. You will, no doubt, have had time to reflect your own actions during the campaigns and at the polls, and decided if your best efforts were expended for yourself and your Brothers in the union. I only pray that God in his all merciful way will spare us a little; if each and every one of us didn't do our bit to see that things were decided in our favor. We hope the next issue of the JOURNAL will bring a big thank you from all good union men, along with this scribe's personal one, for doing your duty as good citizens and union members.

In closing I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

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Fort Worth Job Opportunities Good

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEX.—We are just about holding our own as far as working conditions are concerned. At present practically all of our membership is employed. This is due primarily to the fact that there are several small plants being built here to make parts for the various air craft plants we have in our vicinity. Also the first steel has just been set in place for the \$33,000,000 General Motors Corporation plant being built near here. If the materials situation doesn't tighten up, we will have plenty of work after the first of the year.

We record with sorrow and regret the passing of Brother W. E. (Bill) Sossamon. He died October 27th at his home after a heart attack. Brother Sossamon was 43 years old and had been a member of 116 for several

Christmas Mistletoe

THERE'S magic in mistletoe! This small green plant with white berries, possesses the power to turn those who meet beneath it into friends and gives to each boy the right to claim a kiss from any maid who chances beneath it, with the provision, however, that a berry must be given to the maid for each kiss, until at last, when no berries remain, the bough loses its spell and kisses may no longer be claimed.

And woe to the maid who receives no kisses under the bough of the mistletoe, for she must go through the coming year with no hope of marriage.

The belief that mistletoe possesses this magic power stems from mythology. Frigga, the goddess of love and mother of the sun god Balder, had all the elements and all things that grow from the earth promise not to harm her son. With this promise, Balder was considered invulnerable and the Gods amused themselves by shooting arrows at him. The mischievous Loki, made an arrow of mistletoe (which does not grow out of the earth) and gave it to blind Hoder and told him to shoot. The mistletoe struck Balder and killed him. The tears of Frigga became the white berries on the bough, but through her pleading, the Gods restored

Balder to life. Frigga then decreed that mistletoe might never again be put to harmful use and from that moment, mistletoe became a magic bough, beneficent to all meeting beneath it.

Mistletoe was considered a sacred plant by the Druids of ancient Britain and they called it "golden bough." At the time of the winter solstice an elaborate ceremony was held and it was at this ceremony that the Druid priest, dressed in a flowing white robe cut the mistletoe from the bough where it grew with a golden sickle. He then gave a twig to each young man who then took it to homes of the people, who accepted it and in return gave the priest gifts. The bough where it grew with a golden sickle. He then gave a twig to each young man who then took it to homes of the people, who accepted it and in return gave the priest gifts. The bough where it grew with a golden sickle. He then gave a twig to each young man who then took it to homes of the people, who accepted it and in return gave the priest gifts.

Some say the word mistletoe comes from missel thrush, the bird messenger of the gods who brought the plant to the earth. But actually, the mistletoe comes from *mistletoe* meaning the different twig, while its Latin name, *Phoradendron*, means tree-thief. This last stems from the fact that mistletoe is a parasitic plant, that is, it grows on trees and obtains its nourishment from them instead of from the soil.



years. We will miss Bill and we extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Our Governor and some of his followers who have been riding the Democratic streamliner for many years must have been Republicans and ashamed to admit it. I presume that the Lone Star was not enough for Mr. Shivers, he wants the five stars with the Taft ideas.

I am happy to report that Brother Deason is out of the hospital and making a nice recovery after an operation for a back injury, he is in a cast and it will be a long time before he can cut the mustard again.

Brothers Wicklund and Cooper are our apprentice instructors for the 1952-53 term and they are doing a good job.

EARL ROBINSON, P. S.

WSB Approves 6¼ Per Cent Increase

JOINT BOARD LOCALS 132, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148 AND 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The Negotiating Committee of the Joint Board concluded negotiations with the Duquesne Light Company on September 30, 1952. The negotiated increase was presented to the membership at meetings on October 2. The increase of 6¼ percent, ranging from 9 cents to 16 cents per hour, was accepted by the membership at these meetings. The increase was submitted to the WSB and on October 24 we received word from the board that the increase was approved. This increase makes our line-man rates \$2.45 per hour and our average wage \$2.04 per hour. The

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



Les Benson

This month we go way out west once more to salute our "Press Secretary of the Month." Brother Les Benson hails from San Diego, California, and his home local is L. U. 465. Brother Benson has been writing letters from his local, as press secretary, off and on for nearly five years, alternating with some of the other good Brothers of L. U. 465.

Brother Benson was born in Great

Falls, Montana, November 16, 1900. He started his career in linework at the age of 16. Brother Benson writes: "I dug holes and helped linemen until I was 18 years of age or just after the close of World War I. I then took up employment with a utility company as a groundman and went through the four year process of becoming a journeyman lineman." Brother Les says that apprentice programs were not as well developed in those days as they are now, and in fact, the union that he belonged to, had quite a struggle to get recognition and decent hours, wages and working conditions. But it was just this kind of struggling that our locals did 30 years ago that have brought the Brotherhood to the status it has attained today and brought the members to the good condition which they now enjoy.

Brother Benson has seen veteran service in his local union—serving for some years as its assistant business manager. He says it is a pleasure to write an occasional column for the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL, to keep the Brothers informed as to progress and current events in L. U. 465. And we say Brother, it is a pleasure to have you do it. Keep up the good work.

Joint Board Negotiating Committee is composed of Ed A. Joyce, president of the Board and President of Local 132; K. J. Raynes, board representative and president of Local 142; Local 140's President J. C. McTaggart, Local 144's President E. D. Shrader, Local 147's President John Eastley, Local 148's President M. J. Carney and Herman Hirsh, President Local 149.

On Thursday, October 9, at Angelo's Restaurant, the Picnic Committee had a dinner meeting to discuss ways to make our picnics more interesting to more of our members. It was suggested we have ball games between locals, a tug of war between locals, a greased pig chase and more diversified contests for all. If you have any suggestions, give them to any member of the committee. The committee is composed of the following: Local 132, Ed Joyce and William Kim; Local 140, George Nowakowski, Local 142, H. C. Cook, J. N. Flaig, K. J. Faub, K. J. Raynes and Frank Slogan; Local 144, Leo Grottenthaler and Ray Bowser; Local 147, Jimmy DeAngelo; Local 148, M. J. Carney, chairman, Al Metz, William Eisenberg, John Ford, Jim Wintergreen and Chester Bakowski and Local 149, Carl Hartman.

Ask Carney how he likes ground peppers on his steak and how he got the nickname of "Hot Lips."

On Saturday, October 11, quite a

few of our people attended the 53rd Anniversary of the Central Labor Council of Beaver County at the General Brodhead Hotel in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. International Secretary J. Scott Milne gave the principal address and was well received by all who attended. Among the people attending from our locals were: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Raynes, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flaig, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Babish, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McTaggart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. William Ebersberger and Harvey Cook. The IBEW had the largest number of members in attendance at the dinner. We were glad to see our old friends from the valley, Ruth Netherland and Dave McBride, Local 201, Beaver; John Wolf, Local 1073, Ambridge and Ed McCormick and his wife, Local 10, Butler.

Here is a thought for a great many people. "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." Are you one of them?

We are now in the holiday season. So many of us have so many things for which to be thankful. Good health, happiness and the right to live our lives according to the dictates of our hearts are indeed things to be thankful for. As you enjoy your Christmas dinner with your friends and loved ones, pause for a moment and thank your Maker for your good fortune in

being able to enjoy the many freedoms that are your American heritage.

The officers and members of the Board extend to all the members of the IBEW our sincere wishes for the Merriest of Christmases and a Bigger and more Prosperous New Year of 1953.

HARRY C. COOK, Sec.-Treas.

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List Dangers of Federal Ownership

L. U. 137, ALBANY, N. Y.—I am forwarding a copy of the appeal which was presented to the membership of Local Union 137, for the purpose of pointing out the dangers of Government-operated power developments.

International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett has reviewed this appeal, and suggested that we request the editor of the JOURNAL to re-print this information in our monthly JOURNAL, so that more field support could be realized.

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Our companies have been working and living with Niagara Falls for 50 years. Now the plans for Federal, State and private development of power, are all about the same; *except* we do not mar the scenic beauty; we do the job with a lower investment of capital and it is a project of free enterprise. We do not rely on the socialistic squandering of tax-payers monies.

The beauty of the falls must be preserved by treaty. There was never any need for any of the three bills; The government and the people are fully protected by the Law of the Federal Water Power act.

We hear the political loose expression "Power Grab." There is not an ounce of truth in this expression. We are regulated, and your interest is fully protected, by our New York State Public Service Commission.

Any business must have a return on its investment. *Our investment is only in the power plants and the transmission lines.*

The water we use, we pay for and at Adams and the Schoellkopf stations, the water cost us \$2,000,000 per year.

On the Niagara development, there is no problem of irrigation, navigation, or flood control, *they just do not exist.* Then why, from all sound and fair business practices, should your Government spend more than \$375,000,000 of your tax money to do this job? To get an answer to this question a PSYCHOLOGIST should be consulted on the phobia of those with suppressed business desires.

Private enterprise will, in the American way, develop this power for \$375,000,000 of their own money

and at the same time pay the Government \$23,000,000 annually in taxes.

Senator Lehman, when he talks of lower rates, does so with his tongue in his cheek, because the old reliable tax-payer, who could be you, will be paying the bill.

If we did not have to pay Federal, State and local taxes, we too could lower the rates and thereby accomplish that, which our political opponents so lightly promise.

We have in New York State five companies all interconnected. We are also connected with Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. From these facts, it is plain to see that many more people will benefit by our distribution of the power, if we develop and distribute it by the good old American system of free enterprise.

Our elected and otherwise political saviors, have made statements indicating to whom they want to distribute this power.

They lightly talk of selling the power to municipalities owning their own distribution systems, and to cooperatives. Let us review this for a moment, and see how stupid these promises become.

There are in New York State, 50 widely separated Municipal owned systems. All 50 of these systems serve less than 150,000 customers. Also by the records there are less than 4,400 cooperative customers. If our friends were properly advised of these figures, are they then sound business men?

No one in their right mind, or with the welfare of our country at heart, would recommend a \$375,000,000 taxpayer investment to serve less than three percent of the people in New York State. In New York State, we have 102 hydro plants and 27 steam plants, with a total of 6,000,000 K.W. hours. Thirty percent of this total is hydro-generated, 70 percent of this great total is steam generated.

We now have under construction 2,000,000 K.W. most of which is steam generated, and it will be in service, before the Niagara proposed development is started.

If we add the 1,132,000 K.W. of Niagara to our 8,000,000 K.W. it will be an increase of only 14 percent, and with the power plants planned, but not yet under construction, the 14 percent of Niagara Falls project for power will shrink considerably.

These facts do not minimize the importance of Niagara Falls, it is greatly needed for civilian and military production.

Private plans can have the first units in operation in approximately 3 years, and the whole project completed in 5 years.

Army engineers will take about 2 years longer to complete the same objective. Our saving in time is now very important due to the increased need of war material.

The 5 companies that want to construct and operate the Niagara development, have for the year of 1950, sold 26,000,000,000 K.W. hours and paid annually in taxes \$136,000,000; annual pay-roll of \$182,000,000; employment for 46,000 people. The companies have 250,000 stock holders. These companies have millions of investors through savings accounts, insurance, and those interested in pension funds.

These 5 companies are willing to form a company that will build the Niagara development without cost to the taxpayer.

Also very important to the Brotherhood membership is the fact, that with private enterprise development, we as union employees of these 5 companies, will continue to enjoy the American privilege of being able to take our places, like free men at collective bargaining, and not as Government robots.

Many of you Brothers, who have served in the armed forces, have found how futile it is to argue with a top-sergeant or captain. Take this, weigh it, and then make your decision.

I for one do not want our union to be operated, directed or ignored by the Government.

First I wish to make a request of all the Brothers present. Take a postcard, and write to your congressman instructing him that you want the free enterprise system to remain in existence, and ask him to vote for the Capehart-Miller bill.

Second we all know what it is like to be without a job, and what can be more pitiful than a man who has worked for a company for a number of years, and some morning wakes up to find out that he is unemployed.

Finally let us prevent strangulation of our Brotherhood with the proposed government noose.

RANDALL H. CADDOO, F.S.

Approved as written by
Westburn S. Cole, Chairman Local
Union 137 Executive Board.

Adelbert P. Jones, Recording Secretary Local Union 137.

John Casey, Treasurer Local Union 137.

Edward B. Fitzpatrick, President Local Union 137.

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Late Announcement Of Hamilton Officers

L. U. 138, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.—Greetings once again to all Brothers from the Industrial City. As the JOURNAL goes to press this month we would like to make mention of our election of officers which actually took place in June. Summer vacations have rather disrupted things, but now that they are all over

we hope to be able to report more frequently to you of our progress. The newly-elected officers are now all installed and we believe the machinery is running quite smoothly for another term.

Elected to office for the next term are: H. Smith, president; C. S. Askin, vice president; S. M. Smith, financial secretary; S. Dawe, treasurer; R. Caskie, recording secretary and business manager. These are your newly elected officers and will form your executive body for the ensuing term of office. Two of the foregoing officers are new to their particular field so let us welcome them into our midst. C. S. Askin is our first newcomer to fill the position of vice president made vacant by the retiring of Brother W. Angus. Cecil is a swell fellow in every respect and we know that he has really got the local at heart. Let us also welcome our new recording secretary and business manager R. Caskie. As we told you last month our former recording secretary and business manager C. Starkey, has been appointed to the position of assistant superintendent of the operating department, thereby making necessary his retirement as an active member of the local.

Ron is a swell likeable fellow with a keen sense of business matters but as he says, he's got a big pair of shoes to fill. But believe me, Ron will leave no stone unturned to do his utmost for this local. During the last term of office Ron served us as an auditor and did a fine job, always being prompt and accurate with his report. Now fellow Brothers, just a word of exhortation—we have a swell executive body this year, including two newcomers. Negotiations for our new agreement should get under way soon and we are all hoping that our executive body will really come up with something good. They need our support, they need to know our ideas and wishes, so let's get behind them and everyone turn out meeting nights that can. The second Monday night in every month at the Labor Temple is union meeting night. Your union represents your job in every respect so that night is just as important as any day's work. I'd like to see a new and larger meeting place with more and better facilities to enjoy ourselves but if you fellows don't come out each month to swell the walls, we'll never get that or anything else. So come on Brothers and let's see each of you out meeting nights. Get behind your new executives and show them you are supporting them and I know you will be the winners.

Also elected last month are your new delegates to the local: W. Townson, Overhead Department; P. Darrowzet, Engineers Department; R. Hill, Operating Department; R. Robertson, Underground Department; J. Millar, Meter Readers; E. Armour, Meter Department; P. Travis. These

Retired Members Feted by Local 142



The officers of Local 142, Pittsburgh, Pa., pose with the retired members of the local at a party given in their honor. They are, as pictured at left, from left to right, front row: Sal Galanti; R. D. Nelson, treasurer; William Trow; Carmen Torchia; Joe Waitkus; Bill Beck; second row: J. N. Flaig, vice president; K. J. Raynes, president; Joe Colosimo; H. C. Cook, financial secretary; William Patton, and C. R. McCall, recording secretary. The retired members each received a check for \$50. Joe Colosimo receives the local's check from Earl C. Bohr, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor.



Chuck Jones, Elrama steward, Dave Graffius, Executive Board chairman, and Frank McVay, steward, electrical operation, Reed, help themselves, at left to the party fare which was prepared by Ken Diederich, shown in apron. At left, members of the local settle for the feast.

Brothers are your new delegates for the ensuing term of office. Remember they are not just figureheads but are your representatives and they are there to serve you, so no matter what your problem is, take it to your delegate and he will advise you as to what to do.

Elected also to represent our local at the Trades and Labour Council of Hamilton were Brothers Ford and myself. Alternate delegates elected are: G. Prince and C. S. Askin.

The above elected officers were duly installed during the latter part of June, which affair was followed by a stag party at which a good time was had by all.

At our monthly meeting in September it was our pleasure to pay tribute in a small way to our retired recording secretary and business manager C. Starkey. Brother H. Smith, president, moved a diversion of the regular order of business and it was so carried. Brother Smith spoke briefly on Brother Starkey's devotion and untiring efforts to Local 138 and then presented him with a fishing outfit. Brother Starkey spoke a few words of thanks to the local for their show of appreciation and assured us it would

be used every weekend, six months out of the year, as well as on his holidays. Brother Starkey said that although he is no longer an active member of the local, his heart is still in and with it as always, and he will help or advise in any capacity that he is able.

It is proposed in the near future to hold a testimonial dinner for the purpose of presenting pins to those Brothers who have been in the local 25 years or more.

Progress on the job comes into the limelight this month with the addition of two more automatic sub-stations to the system. This brings to a total of five sub-stations built and installed since the cessation of hostilities in 1945. A further one is also planned. Work on the street lighting is progressing favorably and the new luminaires are a great boon to night traffic.

That, fellow Brothers constitutes our news for this month and I trust we shall see you all again next month with some news of our new agreement. Until then, good health and the best of luck.

D. W. A. NASH, P.S.

Checks Presented to Retiring 142 Members

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—On Tuesday, October 14 the members of Local 142 honored our retired members at a meeting and party. Checks for \$50.00 were presented to the following members: Joe Colosimo, Bill Beck and George Galan of the Steam Heating Company and Joe Waitkus, Charley Torchia, Bill Trow and Bill Patton from Brunots Island. These members had a total years of service with the company of 217 years. Other retired members present were Harry Cutler, Nick Salicce and Sal Galanti. To these Brothers, we wish many years of retirement and good health.

Did you hear of the "B" operator in BI boiler room who turned his clock ahead instead of back and came to work two hours early? Ask Al Kinsey.

And a certain pump man at the screen house took a bag from the refrigerator for his lunch and when he went to eat, he found he had a bag of lima beans. Paul Donovan can tell you about this.

Back to work after a long illness is

Ed Miller, stoker operator at Reed. Glad to see you back, Ed.

Also back to work are several members from the armed services, Joe Harrington, Guy Chapman and Joe Crawford from the Coal Gang, and John Bullister from the Turbine Repair Gang. Welcome back, fellows. We'll be looking for you at the next union meeting.

Local 142 lost a loyal officer with his promotion to foreman. We wish Pat Brosnahan, Executive Board member from 12th Street, the best of luck in his new position.

There have been a great number of deaths in the families of our members in the past month. To these members we extend sympathies in their bereavement and leave you this thought, "Life is a voyage that is homeward bound."

We have received into our local quite a few members from Local 149. These are members whose jobs were eliminated in the meter reading department. Welcome to Local 142. We hope we will see you at our meetings. **LOCAL 142 MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE EAGLE'S HALL, 431 THIRD AVE., PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.**

This is the last article for the year 1952. Do you like it? Is there any changes you would like to make in it? Do you want a new press secretary? Let me know what your wishes are in regard to this column.

The members and officers of Local 142 wish to send to all our Brothers and Sisters in the IBEW a wish for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. May your members in 1953 gain the benefits and wages now enjoyed by our members.

HARVEY C. COOK, P.S.

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Standout Illinois State Labor Convention

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—The business agent and I have just returned from the seventieth convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, held in Peoria. To say that it was a wonderful experience for me would be putting it mildly. Anyone fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit a convention of this size will never forget the amazing thoroughness with which the day-by-day affairs of the Federation are conducted, under the able supervision of its President, "Rube" Soderstrom. To watch this veteran labor leader in action, introducing the various noteworthy speakers, each with some complimentary remarks fitting the occasion, never seeming at a loss for the proper word or phrase, is, in itself, a revelation. He has the sessions under control at all times, extending the

Officers, Guests of Local 142



Officers and guests of the Local 142 pose at the party. Left to right, front row: O. Babish, International Representative, and Earl C. Bohr, secretary-treasurer, Pennsylvania Federation of Labor; second row: J. N. Flaig, vice president, Local 142; A. R. Johnson, International Representative; Harvey C. Cook, local financial secretary; third row: K. J. Raynes, local president; Peter McGavin, regional director, A. F. of L.; E. A. Joyce, president of the Joint Board.

privilege of speaking from the floor to the various delegates, as they ask permission to do so, and voice their opinion on resolutions presented for action by the convention. When he says, "The convention will be in order," it is *just that*, and business gets underway immediately.

It was our good fortune to hear Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, give a very forceful speech to the delegates on Monday, the first day of the convention. On Tuesday we were honored with the presence of Senator John J. Sparkman, candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States, who also gave a wonderful speech. Wednesday brought Lieutenant-Governor Sherwood Dixon, for a very enlightening and entertaining talk. We say "talk" because he threw away his carefully prepared speech, and talked to the delegates as though he were one of them. At the close of his talk he was made an honorary delegate to the convention by President Soderstrom. We forgot to mention that Tobin and Sparkman were also made honorary delegates at the close of their respective speeches. On Wednesday afternoon we also heard from Brother Joseph Keenan, representing Labor's League for Political Education. His very timely and expressive speech was one of the highlights of the Convention. Thursday brought the time for selecting next year's convention city, and Springfield was the delegates' choice. On Friday the business of the convention was finally fin-

ished, and the delegates departed for their homes.

We are glad to announce the formation of a journeyman electrician school on transformers, to be conducted by a representative of the Allis Chalmers Company. These sessions will start Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 131 in the Decatur High School. They will continue for the next five weeks, omitting November 11th which is Armistice Day. All members of Local 146 not attending the Apprentice School are entitled to attend these sessions, which are sponsored jointly by the electrical contractors and Local 146 of the I.B.E.W. through the facilities of the high school.

The business agent reports Bill Dixon and Earl Brookshier are progressing satisfactorily at the sanitarium. Ben Steele has tendered his resignation as vice president of the local, but we are hoping he will reconsider, and take a temporary leave of absence, until he decides for certain to remain on the West Coast. He is leaving about the first of November, and intends to stop in Denver for a couple of months visiting his son Bill Steele and family. He then plans to move on to California where his other son, Bob, is located. If Ben and his wife like it there they may stay.

The local voted to trade the business agent's car in on a new model and on Friday, October 17th the Bill Burns Chevrolet Company delivered a new light blue, DeLuxe, two-door Fleetline. The car is equipped with



In all the world no land like ours
 And no such Christmas eve,
 Where Santa Claus rides safely forth
 And children can believe.
 Northward the snow falls lightly down
 Unstained and unprofaned,
 And lights are bright and bells ring out
 And customs are maintained.

*In all the world no land like ours,
 Where children's hopes are sure
 And stockings can be hung tonight
 At hearths that are secure;
 Where children safely dream of toys
 Of doll and horn and drum
 And go to bed at eve assured
 That Santa Claus will come.*

Oh, this is what our strength is for,
 Our years and all our skill,
 To make the world a happier place
 And not to maim and kill;
 A world where Santa Claus may ride
 About on Christmas eve
 And lights are bright and bells ring out
 And children still believe.

—Edgar A. Guest

heater, defrosters and radio, and should provide trouble-free transportation for several years. The local also voted to purchase another pillow-type radio for use of hospitalized union members. This makes two of this type set now owned by Local 146.

The Bylaws Committee has completed a draft of the revised bylaws, with the exception of the legal description of the boundary lines established at the meeting held recently in Chicago. When this information is forthcoming, the bylaws will be submitted to the local for their approval. After being read at two meetings and approved by Local 146, they will be forwarded to the International Office for final approval. This procedure is in accordance with the Constitution of the I.B.E.W.

Well gang, this seems to be the extent of the news for now. Let's hear from the out-of-town jobs if you want some news included in the next issue.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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Negotiate Wages with Duquesne Light Company

L. U. 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—It is hard to believe as I write this column, that by the time you read it, the big election will be over as will Thanksgiving Day and Christmas and 1952 will be all ready to wrap up and lay on the shelf with the other old years.

Of the several items of interest that I have this time, I'll start off with the result of the wage negotiations on the Duquesne Light Company property. As the contract was open only for wages this time, the Negotiating Committee was able to concentrate on this item. After several meetings with management, a negotiated increase of six and one-quarter percent was brought back to the members and this figure was accepted by the membership at meetings held by the seven locals of the Joint Board. This increase is pretty well in line with increases negotiated on utility properties elsewhere in the Third District and puts wage rates on jobs on Duquesne property among the leaders in the district. Approval of the increase by the Pennsylvania Regional Board of the WSB came through on October 24, 1952, and the increase was retroactive to October 1st. The Negotiating Committee, composed of the presidents of the seven locals, together with International Representatives, is to be commended for the excellent work done in securing the increase, for as the old fellow said, "it warn't easy."

The next item to be reported on, was the negotiations with the Pittsburgh Railways Company on our wage re-opener for 131 of our members on that property. After a series of meetings, our committee succeeded in ne-

Local 166 Honors 50-Year Member

gotiating a wage increase of nine cents per hour, which was accepted by the membership by a large majority. This situation was somewhat different than on the Duquesne Light property, as we had to contend with a pattern set by Division 85 of the Street Railways, which has a membership of some 3,500 on the property. Considering also the fact that the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission had denied the Pittsburgh Railways their last two petitions for a rate increase and their claims of continually losing revenue, these negotiations "weren't easy," either.

After considerable preparation, we petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for a certification election to expand our unit of clerical personnel on the property of the Equitable Gas Company, Pennsylvania Division. Of the 325 people eligible to participate in this election, 282 voted and Local 149 was declared by the National Labor Relations Board to be the exclusive bargaining agent by a vote of 243 to 39. We are now preparing to open negotiations with the Equitable Gas Company for a new agreement. We now have under our jurisdiction on this property, all clerical workers, except approximately 35 clerks who are presently represented by District 50, United Mine Workers. An organizing campaign has been initiated to enlist these workers in the I.B.E.W. and we are very confident that before very long, we will have all the clerical personnel on the gas property under our banner.

Duquesne Light held open house on October 4th and 11th at their newest addition to their power producing facilities, the Elrama Power Station at Elrama, Pennsylvania. The two days were necessary to accommodate the visitors; all of the light company employees having been invited. Highlights of the day featured an address by Philip A. Fleger, chairman of the board, Duquesne Light Company; an excellent luncheon; and a tour of the plant. A number of valuable door prizes were awarded and several of our Local 149 members were among the lucky winners.

It is with regret that we report the deaths of Brother Richard D. Mason, Treasury Department, Pittsburgh Railways, on August 30, 1952, and Sister Helen McInerney, Accounting Receipts, Duquesne Light, on September 7, 1952, both deaths resulting from automobile accidents. Brother William L. McKinney, a retired member of Local 149, formerly employed in the Valuation and Property Records Division, Duquesne Light Company, passed away on September 20, 1952. The local extends its sympathy to the families of our departed members.

As I write this, the pre-election political speeches are filling the air waves and the candidates are having



Charles F. Blesser, a 50-year veteran of Local 166, Schenectady, N. Y., receives his scroll and pin from International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett, center, while, from left to right, Albert Dettbarn, Executive Board chairman, Richard J. Carmichael, president, Schenectady Federation of Labor, and Charles A. DiLallo, union's business manager, witness the ceremony.

a field day on the television screens. Not being a Drew Pearson and not having an authentic, reliable crystal ball, I could not make any predictions as to who will occupy the White House for the next four years. There are a lot of statements being made, some of which border on the fantastic and some do not quite ring true. However, there is one thing that is all too realistically true and that is Korea. There are a lot of anxious parents, wives and sweethearts in America today who are not nearly so concerned about the personality of a political candidate as they are about what is happening to their loved ones in Korea, who are at this moment, fighting for their lives instead of for a political office. It should be the unfaltering dedicated purpose of the successful candidate for the Presidency to concentrate every honest effort at his command to bring to a speedy end, the tragedy of Korea.

At this Christmas season, it is especially saddening when one contemplates the misery, grief, despair and destruction that is existent in the world today. The Christmas Story loses its sacred principles and meaning, for it can hardly be heard above the roar of big guns and the whine of bombs. It would certainly be to the everlasting credit of the man or group of men who will be able to sit down and negotiate the full and complete realization of the words so often quoted at this season, "Peace on Earth, good will toward all men." As long as we have a Korea or any other battleground, those words will mean nothing. So, I earnestly hope, and I am sure my hope is shared by millions, that our Government, led by the newly-elected President, will be the means of restoring America's and the world's faith in the belief that there can be peace on earth and that all men can, if they wish, live in good will.

With those thoughts, we close our last column for 1952, and may I extend from the officers and members of Local 149, the very best of wishes for the Holiday Season and a better 1953, to our friends in the International Brotherhood, everywhere.

DON'T FORGET THE LOCAL BLOOD BANK. HAVE YOU STOPPED THERE LATELY?

VERNER A. KORTZ, R.S.

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Outing Honors 50-Year Member Blesser

L. U. 166, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Charles F. Blesser, a fifty-year member of Local 166, IBEW, was the honored guest at the annual outing of the union, held Saturday, August 2, at Hans Grell's Grove.

In appropriate ceremonies, Mr. Blesser was presented with a scroll attesting to the years of service and good unionism credited to his labor record. Also, presented by International Vice-President of the Electrical Brotherhood Joseph W. Liggett was a solid gold 50-year membership pin.

The membership of the local, as a token of the esteem in which they hold Mr. Blesser, presented him with a complete Polaroid camera outfit. Charles A. DiLallo, business agent, made the presentation.

Congratulations were extended Mr. Blesser by Richard J. Carmichael, president of the Schenectady Federation of Labor, and also of Local 166.

More than 250 attended the outing including the families and guests of the Local.

Games and a day of entertainment were provided both for the children and adults.

A number of valuable electrical appliances were awarded as door prizes.

J. LEITHEAD, JR., P.S.

Local Paper, Drawing Help Promote Attendance

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—We are right in the middle of our annual Community Chest Drive as are many other localities, I presume, and I am proud to report that local labor unions have more than done their share in donating and also working for the drive. This year, for the first time, each labor union in our area will get individual credit for the contributions of their members, thus making public the important part that the working men play in this annual affair. From the looks of things right now, I predict that L. U. 180 will oversubscribe by a good 50 percent.

Last month, your reporter began publishing a small four-page monthly paper for the members of our local union and as the second edition goes to press (mimeograph) the enthusiastic response from our membership seems to indicate that our little paper is headed for success. We call it "HOT SPARKS" and use it as an organ to give the readers the latest official news on what we are doing and above all, as an instrument to arouse more interest in our organization and our monthly meetings. This, together with the monthly jackpot of cash we are giving to the lucky member who is present at the meeting when his name is drawn, have begun to show results in better attendance and more intelligent discussion on the issues brought before the meeting. I am enclosing a picture of the masthead of our new paper and want to request that all our members be on the look-out for their copy in the mail.

All members are working and enjoying the best.

D. V. McCARTY, R.S.

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Atlantic City Local 210 Plans 50th Anniversary

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Hi fellows. Well Halloween is here again and as noted in last year's article at this time about the kids doing their drawing on windows of stores instead of automobiles and valuable property still holds good (I hope).

They (the persons responsible for this idea) deserve plenty of credit. Ask anybody who owns a car.

I promised to have pictures this month for sure regarding Walter Todd's testimonial dinner of 50 years good standing but something happened to make it impossible this month. Will try next month for sure. Anyway, anything worthwhile is worth waiting for.

With the favorable conclusion of negotiations with the local electrical utility we can turn our mind fully at last to the celebration of our 50th Anniversary here at L. U. 210.

It will be a gala occasion for our membership and their wives. More details as they are unfolded to me will be forthcoming.

Just glancing around I note—

That Brother Ed Jones of L. U. 211, on this the 30th of October, 1952 is now a 50-year man in the I.B.E.W. and very active as a foreman on the Riggs and Distler job in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. Good luck to you Parson, I know that 50-year pin means a lot to you.

That Ed (Frank Buck) Crawford and Tom (Handycapper) Fahey pretty nearly went into the *skunk* business together when, coming back from lunch the other day, they found to their dismay a number one pretty kitty had taken over their job on their end of the building. How they finally got it (she or what have you) out would fill a book and I can't set it down at this time for you. But anyway good hunting in the future fellows; next time it might be a bear.

Well that's about it till after Thanksgiving. Have a good meal and don't forget to thank God for it.

EDWARD J. DOHERTY, P.S.

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Greetings from N. J. Local 211

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Just chiming in to wish all our Brothers and Sisters in all our locals everywhere a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Have enjoyed all press secretaries' letters so much. Will be back in '53 with more news of L. U. 211. Until then best wishes.

BART (CURLEY) MAISCH, P.S.

Unbeaten Season for Cincinnati Team

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—The softball team of our Local Union, under the guiding hand of Manager Gus Rizzuto, aided by his able coaches, had the best season ever attained in the A. F. of L. Softball League. Coming through the elimination series without a loss was gained by teamwork on the part of every player on the club rather than any one or more players starring. Following, is a list of the scores made in each of the five elimination games:

In the first game, the Electricians defeated the Norwood Firemen, 22 to 6.

In the second game, the Van Range Club was defeated 24 to 7.

The third game, against the Plumb-ers, the Electricians won by the score of 12 to 6. The fourth game was won from the Cincinnati Firemen, 11 to 7.

The fifth and final game of the series found the Pipe Fitters being defeated 17 to 10.

Every member of the ball team wishes to thank all of the rooters who came out to the games to cheer them on to victory. Without your support they feel sure that it would have been impossible for them to play the class of ball they did to win this championship for your organization. All of us can show our appreciation by letting all of the players know that we are indeed proud of each one of them. Next time you meet one or more of these players, let them know how proud we are of their performance. Here's hoping that we have a successful a season next year.

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P.S.

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Present Day Bargaining Criticized as Soft

L. U. 230, VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA—In recent years, trade unions seem to have become very stereotyped in their dealings with employers. A pattern for negotiations has been evolved that generally results in a compromise through which the employer gains 50 cents for every nickel that we gain.

With difficult employers we use arbitration or conciliation. Use of arbitration means that we temporarily surrender our rights as a trade union, while with conciliation we seek to obtain moral support and justification from an outside source before taking strike action to gain our objective.

Results obtained from strike action during the past few years are worthy of study, especially by those whose activities are restricted by the I. C. and A. Act, or its United States counterpart, the Taft-Hartley Act. Whether the strike is won or lost, if it is of



This is the masthead of the popular new monthly paper being edited by the Recording Secretary of Local 180, Vallejo, Calif., D. V. McCarty.

Softball Team of Local 212, Cincinnati



These are the members of the unbeaten softball team of Local 212, Cincinnati, Ohio, and their bat boy. Left to right, front row: J. Hirth; C. Kruthaupt; V. Smith; A. Rizzuto, manager; T. Guy, coach; H. Borgemenke, and O. Hayes; second row: E. Schmitt, scorer; W. Hirth; T. White; J. Ober, Jr.; W. Franz; C. Deller; J. Stenger; J. Ober, Sr.; front: J. Rizzuto, bat boy. Absent were D. Johnson, coach, R. Ober, S. Hayes, and E. Sanders.

long duration, there are always two things that remain, a shortage of funds due to lost wages, and a feeling of comradeship among those who tramped the picket line and saw it through.

This feeling of course, remains long after the discomfort of short rations has passed, and comes from an experience that makes men mature, that gives them confidence, and if properly used, should help them to gain most union objectives without further expensive strikes.

Some 30 years ago, the writer sailed out of a South American port in a windjammer, on which the food became very grim after the first day at sea. The ship was in ballast, there being no cargo available, so the skipper decided to clean up and paint, without reference to the eight-hour day. Two of us were assigned to holystone the poop deck, before breakfast one morning, but after we had bounced the holystones around over his cabin to the tune of a popular Australian ditty, he hurriedly cancelled the order without waiting to put on his pants. At the same time we were given his impressions of our forbears, with instructions as to where we should go. We also had to paint the lower foremast black, and two lifeboats close by on the fore-castle head, white. The mast seemed O.K., at least he didn't complain, but we

never did manage to get all the black splashes off the boats and deck. Quite a number of things didn't seem to go the way he wanted, and before that 63-day voyage ended, the food seemed better than at the start, the skipper also seemed more thoughtful, or should I say pensive? No doubt a young crew with ideas and the courage to try them out did have a wholesome influence on a character who early in the trip introduced himself as "Fighting Hansen, known all over the Pacific." Collective bargaining in those days consisted of the mate taking the agitator to the captain's cabin, where the boss read you appropriate extracts from the Merchant Shipping Act as he toyed absent-mindedly with a .38 automatic. Under those conditions you negotiated very carefully, and your demands were simple and few.

F. J. BEVIS, P.S.

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245 Contract Changes Approved in Wage Board

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—The regional Wage Stabilization Board of Cleveland, Ohio has given approval to the contract changes between Locals 245, Toledo, Ohio and the Toledo Edison Company. A six percent general increase, retroactive to June 1st was

approved. Other changes effective to the nearest payday to October 9th, are improvement in vacations, holidays, overtime, shift differential, and funeral clauses in the contract.

Recent deaths were Brothers Orville Truman and Glenn Welty. They were members 12 years and 11 years respectively.

President LaPorte and Assistant Business Manager V. Wise attended the Fourth District Progress Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on October 4th and 5th.

The Joint Safety Committee of union and company representatives has held several meetings. A fine spirit of cooperation has been the order and it is hoped that the safety program of the Toledo Edison Company will be implemented for the benefit of all.

Looking into the future it is of interest to all of 245 and of the I.B.E.W. itself to note that construction is soon to start on a new power plant for the Toledo Edison Company. We understand completion is scheduled in 1955 and will be I.B.E.W. operated.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P.S.

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Ann Arbor Local 252 Awaits Raise Approval

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—After missing a few issues we will

try to begin again. Well Brothers, everybody seems to be enjoying working in their own jurisdiction again. We have a wage raise coming up—awaiting approval at present. Our arbitration committee has negotiated with employers for a 15 cent raise across the board. The feeling appears to be that it was better than part fringe benefits.

Of late we have had a few Brothers on hospital docket. Brother Leo Reed has returned to work at the Ypsilanti job after quite a spell in the hospital from injury on the job. Brother Joe Beeler has recuperated from a stroke. The doctor has okayed his return to work. He has been working at the Wayne Lincoln-Mercury new plant for Harlan Electric Company. Brother Beeler is quite a morale builder. He is around 66 years old and has been in good spirits. He probably will return to his old job. Should like to thank Local 58 for the jobs they were able to furnish to members of Local 252 and the wonderful working conditions. There are still a few Brothers working in Local 58's territory. Most of them have worked there since the old bomber plant days.

To Brother members of the I.B.E.W. who get around to different jurisdictions let's not forget our obligation and give our Business Manager Herman Needman a call on the phone (Ann Arbor 3-4824) or stop at the Labor Hall located at 208 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This will create a good feeling at all times. Also Brothers of 252, when going into another jurisdiction, contact the business manager or business office of that jurisdiction. This will pay in the long run.

Brothers, this sure is a small world. Brother Peter Estermyer was in Florida recuperating from his sickness and has returned to work. While traveling to different cities in Florida who should he bump into, but our past president, Brother Crist Donegan. Brother Donegan is on retirement and living at Clearwater, Florida. After World War II, Brother Donegan moved to California with his family. Enclosed is a picture of Brother Estermyer and Brother Donegan. Brother Donegan is in good health and his wife also, according to Brother Estermyer. Let's hear from you once and a while, Brother Donegan. How are Vincent and the other electrician doing?

When this is read the big election will be over and it will be a busy time figuring out for Christmas shopping. Well Brothers of Local 252, I.B.E.W., your new officers are doing a very good job. So let's attend meetings once in awhile and enjoy a good meeting conducted by your President Richard Kitt.

The Brothers who are working on the Ypsilanti Ford parts building had

a get-together ham supper. It was enjoyed by all. This job's electrical work is by Fishback and Moore. Sorry Brothers, pictures no good.

Brother Joe Beeler and Brother Leo Reed extend deep appreciation and thanks to the Brothers of I.B.E.W. for their kind and generous contributions which go a long way to make membership in I.B.E.W. something worthwhile. So a Merry Christmas to all.

I. N. FERRIS, P.S.

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Local Wins Fine Shipyard Contract

L. U. 261, GROTON, CONN.—Joseph Brennan, former president of Local 261 and at present president of Metal Trades Council of New London, Connecticut area, was chosen as business manager of L. U. 261 for his undying efforts in obtaining for the members of this local one of the finest contracts both monetarily and otherwise for an East Coast shipyard. Local 261 is attached to the General Dynamic Corporation, Electric Boat Division, now building the nuclear powered submarines for the United States Navy. Brother Brennan has been a very active member of the I.B.E.W. since his discharge from the armed forces.

At the present time we are holding classes for the stewards to help them in any problems that may come up while carrying on their duties. This class also helps them in ways to sign new members. With the new addition



Brother Peter Estermyer, while traveling in Clearwater, Fla., met the past president of his Local 252, Ann Arbor, Mich., Crist Donegan, who is living there in retirement.

of our Electronics Department we should shortly be in the 500-member class, but we will not stop trying until we have 100 percent membership. At these classes a member of the International comes in and gives a talk and is open to any and all questions that may come his way and believe me Brother there are plenty of them. I myself have learned much so far in these informal meetings, and these meetings have helped clarify much in my mind as to the duties of stewards and how to handle any situation that may arise.

We have just recently negotiated for a ten percent increase which has been agreed upon by the Union and management. The Wage Stabilization Board has allowed eight percent which we have received with back pay with the other two percent pending while being handled by our International in Washington, D. C.

ALFRED E. EGGLESTON, P.S.

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Hope New Quarters Will Boost Attendance

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—By the time this letter is in print Local 305 will have acquired a new location. No, we haven't bought that new home yet (it's still planned for the future) but the Brothers decided that our present meeting room and office were not large enough to accommodate our present and future membership.

Our new location at the corner of Berry and Harrison Streets across from the Hotel Van Orman will be on the second floor with the meeting room on the third floor. Our business manager's office will have a waiting room and a private office. The meeting room has plenty of windows on both sides for cross-ventilation (no more hot smoky meetings), and this is one improvement we all second. Also the room is large enough to accommodate several times our present membership.

With this change we are improving slowly but surely, but let's not stop here as we can improve by attending the meetings. Those old excuses—it's too hot and what a lousy place to meet are all in the past, we hope?

On the sick list this month are Brothers C. Gorell and A. Myers.

Next month I will have some pictures of the Air Craft Gear job and a story about one of our Brothers who built a miniature circus to exact scale and detail. (Editor's Note: Why not send us pictures and information on this last for a special article in our hobby series.)

If you didn't vote don't squawk.

W. L. WATSON, P. S.

Milo Brewbaker New Local 323 Business Agent

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—By the time this is in print, the results of the Presidential Election will be known to us all and let's hope and pray that we of "Labor" have defeated our enemies and elected our friends—otherwise, watch out, as our enemies will surely try their hardest to blast us wide open with all the dynamite there is in the Taft-Hartley Law.

We now have most of our Brothers back in town, that is, those who left when our regular yearly lull comes, and at present work seems to be sufficient for our members. Nobody is getting any overtime—got a few short weeks owing to an unusually rainy season.

We had just gotten all our elected officers nicely going for the next two years when we were surprised with the unexpected resignation of our business agent who is now an electrical contractor. Our Executive Board appointed Brother Milo Brewbaker to fill the unexpired term as business manager. We are all very well satisfied in the board's choice, and we know Brother Brewbaker will do an excellent job for us. He was on the Executive Board of our local and our delegate to the Building Trades Council, West Palm Beach and believe me Brothers he is 100 percent union man. He has never missed a building trades or regular union meeting in all the time I have known him, which is around six years. We all wish him all the success in the world in this new appointment.

The grim reaper paid our local another visit and took one of our good Brothers to his final resting place. Brother Jim Murphy passed on to his great reward on Friday October 17th, 1952. Jim had been sick for the past two years or more and was in and out of the hospital. One spell in the hospital lasted around 11 months. Through all this suffering Jim's good humor did not seem to be affected—always had a cheery greeting when he saw you. He always inquired as to the welfare of other members who might be sick or in trouble. He was a member of Local 323 for 28 years and had worked for the same company, the J. R. Hime Electric Company all this time. Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife and family in their sad bereavement. May he rest in everlasting peace.

Well I must close now and as a reminder to our fellow members of the Brotherhood, always look for the union label when making your purchases.

WALTER FARRELL, P. S.

How to Play and How Not to Play

L. U. 342, GREENSBORO, N. C.—I was reading some of my papers and I ran across some things that some of us ought to remember, as we have some of them around us at all times. Maybe some have heard it and some have not, but it will not do any harm to keep it in our mind.

A Stoooge or a Scab

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, and the vampire, He had some rotten substance left over with which he made a scab and a stoooge.

A scab and a stoooge is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water-logged brain, a backbone made of rotten glue, and jelly. Where people have hearts, he has a body full of rotten principles.

When one of these come down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep, and the old boy himself shuts his gates to keep him out, he is so common that he has no place to go.

No man has a right to be one of these, as long as there is a pool of water to drown himself in, if the water can take it, or a rope to hang himself with, then burn the rope. Judas was a gentleman compared to one of these things. He did have character enough to hang himself, one of these has not.

Esau sold his birthright, Judas sold his Savior, Benedict Arnold sold his country. The Rotten Strikebreaker, sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children, and his fellow men for an unfilled promise from his employer, trust or corporation. This does not apply to our good employers of which we have many, but to the ones that are as rotten as the stoooge and the scab.

Esau was a traitor to himself, Judas a traitor to God, Benedict Arnold a traitor to this country. A strikebreaker is a traitor to his Maker, his country, his wife, his family and his class and all that is good and decent.

So after all, each of us ought to stop every once in a while and say the words that are here quoted, as I am sure that each of us need them at some time in our way of life.

The Game Guy's Prayer (Good in all trades of life)

Dear God: Help me to be a good sport in this little game of life. I don't ask for any easy place in the line-up; play me any place you need me and I can do my bit. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I will take them and thank you for the compliment. Help me to remember that you will never let anything come my way, that You and I can't handle

together. And help me to take the bad breaks, as part of the game, if it is full of knots, and knocks, and trouble, help me to make the best of them, so that I can look all decent people straight in the face at all times.

And, O God, help me always to be on the square, no matter what the other side does, help me to stay clean, and stay on the right side, and help me to study the Book, that great Book of rules so that I will know how to play the game square, and to be like the Greatest Player that ever lived. And like other great men that are told about in this great Book which we are told to live by. If they found out that the best part of life was helping other guys who were out of luck, and to try to bring them up to our standard of living and faith, please help me to find it out too.

Finally, O God, if fate seems to up-bercut me with both hands, and I am laid on the shelf in old age or sickness, or something, help me to take that part of the game as my share too, help me not to whimper and squeal that I had a frame-up or a raw deal. Keep me in the frame of mind so that when in the falling dust I get the final bell, that I will ask for no lying words or complimentary head stone. I would only like to know that you O God, and the ones that I have worked with can truthfully say that I was a true sport and a good game guy.

This is kind of off the line but maybe it will help some of us back into line and see both sides of the picture. I hope that you can see fit to place this in our JOURNAL.

JOHN B. MCCAULEY, B.M.

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Ladies' Auxiliary For Local 348

L. U. 348, CALGARY, ALTA., CANADA—We have now formed a Ladies Auxiliary in Local Union 348 and are really getting under way for the winter months.

The ladies are putting on a dance at the Labor Temple in Calgary on November 22, 1952 and wondered if it was possible to publish this fact in the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL.

Local Union 348 has received certification for the inside wiremen in Red Deer. Also, for the B, C and D Class Telephone Operators in Alberta.

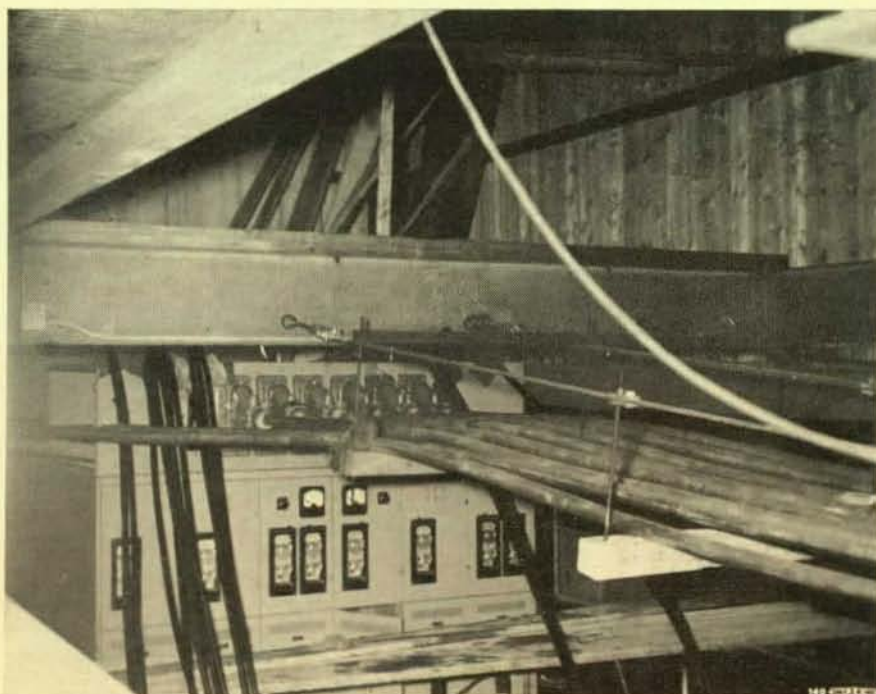
A. STEADMAN, B.M.

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Proposes Dream Job For Miami Area

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—Your scribe would like at this time to propose a power project to be built on the Miami rises located between Hialeah, Florida and 36th street,

New-type Cables Installed in Toronto



These paper-insulated, aluminum-sheathed cables are perhaps the first of their kind ever installed in North America. They are the work of members of Local 353, Toronto, and are more fully described in the local's letter.



These are the members of the Local 353 crew that installed the new aluminum cable for the Canada Wire and Cable Company. Left to right they are: Bill Ruddell; Larry Chalmers; Roger Gibily; Bob Jewett, Local 213; Ray D'Maison-neuve, Local 586; Heinz Janssen; Jack Knox; Maurice Pulsford; Martin Semple; Adolph Winsel; Emil Borghy; George Murray, Local 120; Chris. Tristam; Jack Pritchard; Marcel Marcoux, Local 586; Bill Nesbitt, (Welder); Bob McCoy; Bernard Branchaud, Local 568; Jack McLaughlin; Frank Sanders, (Foreman); Josef Nawrot, and S. Fitzsimmons, (Steward).

Miami, Florida, just three quarters of a mile from Hialeah Park, where the odds never go below one to ten (state law).

But the personnel director, a member of our International Union, will be the man to pass on the qualifications for employment so long as they are proved to be the right kind of fellows.

This proposed project will start with an initial outlay or appropriation of 42 billion dollars, providing

you guys had the backbone to have elected Stevenson for President.

The location of said project is ideal with plenty of sunshine, plenty of rain, but better regulated than in California, and completely outside of any snow area (quite an underwear saving).

Well to get along with this project. There are names of faithful members dead and living to be mentioned and their duties assigned to them as they have proved their worth to the union before.

This project will be installed in its entirety by men of the electrical profession. Most conductors shall be 18 karat gold and all tube conductors shall be of silver (no brass will be allowed on the job). In fact there will be no hacksaws used for cutting. All cutting will be strictly friction separation (no fillings for any guys' pocket)—no intention to infer that Electrical Workers put *stuff* in their pockets. But on a job like this we have to keep down any suspicion.

The crew as now slated will be as follows: Carl Provost, St. Louis, Local 1, steward; Big Bill Williams, Local 1, superintendent in charge; Mule Ear Sims, first assistant superintendent on project; Frank Ferguson, second assistant superintendent on job.

Remember this project is an around-the-clock job so you know that will require a night superintendent, none other than Jack Hartman of good old Local 1.

But let's not get ahead of the real guy on the job—tool room man—none other than Harry Bettner, former president of Local 349. His assistant, the guy who has to do all the work, is Orange Decton, one of our old guys with bum legs.

Now comes the job of picking foreman. George Bowes first, the only guy I know who knows how to offset pipe with a 2 x 8 on end. You old timers possibly know what I mean?

His crew will be the men listed: Charles Atle, Local 1; Frank King, Local 1; Frank Thompson, Local 349; Bob Miller, Local 3; Eddie Selter, Local 3; Harry Van Arsdale, Local 3; Bill Williams, Local 3; Bill Davis, Local 3; Bill Twigg, Local 309; Julius Grethen, Local 349; J. Lyons and Fred Druland. Anyway these men will work for Foreman Frank Thompson. Other men of his crew will be Burke of Boston; Slattery, ex Business Agent of Boston; Doug Slattery of 349; Alte, 1; Chris Ette, 1; Al Shrader, 1; Emil Zwindler, 1; John Mernet, 1; Trip Smith, 1; and Cy Johnson, under foreman Catfish McCard.

The following men: Tommy Cardin, Bill Higgins, 212; Starkey of Indianapolis, Leo Fry, 349, Abbie Wilson, 349; Doug Slattery, 349; Walt Edmonson, 349; Frank Hathaway, 349; Shorty Thompson and Fred Henning, our president under Foreman George Birch, 349. Frankie Arndt, 349; Leo Fry from Chicago; Frank Jacobs, 1; Robert E. Lee Killian, 1 (we sure like that name—speaks of the old south); Charley Muckles, 1; Ted Knoltier, 1; Frank Smith, 1; Johnny McRae, 349; W. R. Patrick, 349; Chris Fagan, 349; Leo Desjardines.

Will close for this time and promise to report further when and if the project gets under way. Forgot to mention that Business Agent W.

C. Johnson and your scribe, Bob Tindell, will be water boys on the job.

Will keep you posted on all southern developments. Keep both eyes on the south and hang on to your confederate money.

R. C. TINDELL, P. S.

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Pioneer Installation By Toronto Local

L. U. 353, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA.—Local Union 1095, the Toronto railroad local, recently held a dinner dance, thereby commemorating two important events in its history, namely the retirement of Brother Walter Meikle, a charter member of the local, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the granting of the charter.

Although this event took place 25 years ago, it was by no means the beginning, as electricians in the Toronto area began fighting for an organization more than fifty years ago. Local Union 1095 is but one of the fine I.B.E.W. local unions located in the district, and the direct result of the efforts of Brother Meikle and others like him.

As an example, Brother Bill Davis, who is now on I.B.E.W. pension, was a railroad electrician, a charter member of Local Union 114, I.B.E.W., the first electrician's local in Toronto and chartered on April 4, 1900. This local ceased to operate in this area sometime in the distant past. However, Brother Davis, whose belief in organization did not fade, joined other local unions which have operated in Toronto in the last half century, and retired from the trade and the railway while a member of Local 636. Brother Meikle had similar experience of belonging to various local unions before Local Union 1095 was established, as did many other old-timers in days of yore. It is to these men, who were determined to have an organization that we are indebted for the establishing and handing on to us the organizations whereby we are enabled to maintain and improve our wages and working conditions, and thereby, our living standards. They are entitled to all the honors which we can bestow upon them.

The accompanying picture is of an installation which is probably the first of its kind in Canada and possibly the first in North America. It shows nine three conductor 750,000 circular-mill, paper-insulated, aluminum sheathed cable installed at the new Canada Wire and Cable plant at Leaside, Ontario. The work was supervised by Brother "Red" Sanders, of Local Union 353, and the potheads, which required a special wiping process, were mounted by Brother Jim Finlayson, also a member of Lo-

cal Union 353. These aluminum-sheathed cables were made by the Canada Wire and Cable Company, which will be making some 287,000-volt, 2 million cm aluminum sheathed cables for the half-billion-dollar Aluminum Company of Canada project at Kitimat in British Columbia.

We enclose also a picture of the crew working on the electrical installation on the Canada Wire and Cable Company plant.

The officers and members of Local Union 353 extend to International Officers and their hard-working staffs, and to sister locals of the I.B.E.W., their best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

W. FARQUHAR, P.S.

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Approval Confirms Local 359's 10% Raise

L. U. 359, MIAMI, FLA.—Hello and greetings, Brothers and Sisters of the I.B.E.W. from the deep (and I do mean deep) sunny south, where the palms wave on the moonlit ocean and the moon's reflection on the ocean is so bright that it looks like a golden jewel box with big studded diamonds in its crown.

The other day, I was reading the *ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL* and I wondered why we (359) never had an article in this great magazine and the very next day I received a phone call from the local's president, E. G. Thibault, asking me to officiate as press secretary and indeed I feel greatly honored to take part in such a great cause. I hardly know what to say, so I'll speak from my heart as best I know how.

As a result of our negotiations with the Florida Power and Light Company, we were successful in obtaining a 10 percent wage increase, 4.4 percent of this increase was paid on August 8, 1952 and retroactive to April 28, 1952 and the balance of 5.6 percent was submitted for approval to the Wage Stabilization Board. Approval was recently obtained and was retroactive to April 28, 1952. The balance of our contract does not terminate until April, 1953.

This local's election time has just passed and our congratulations go to our newly-elected officers. They are: E. G. Thibault, president; F. D. Irwin, vice president; W. J. Sullivan, recording secretary; E. B. Hose, financial secretary; V. H. Meier, treasurer. Executive Board representatives are: L. E. McGee, Transmission Department; E. H. Fountain, Gas Department; J. R. Zane, Production Department; and J. W. Sapp, Distribution Department. Our System Council Delegates are: E. M. Brown, Jr., Transmission Department; R. H. Bass, Gas Department; A. P. Thames,

Production Department; J. H. Goe, Distribution Department and E. E. Brown, Underground Department.

These men serve for a two-year period terminating in 1954. I am sure they will do their best for the good of the union and I feel the members made a fine selection.

Well my friends, I guess this is just about all the news from way down here in Miami. Perhaps we will see some of you Brothers and Sisters down here sometime. If the editor of the *JOURNAL* approves and prints this report, I'll be writing another article soon. Remember, be safe, go safely and stay safe. Goodbye for now.

F. W. SCHIRMSCHER, P.S.

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Shop Steward Education Problem for Local 399

L. U. 399, CHICAGO, ILL.—Local 399 is now wrestling with the problem of shop steward education. This is no small problem considering the fact that our local covers almost the entire state of Illinois, and affects about 200 stewards who live, in some cases, over 400 miles apart. What it costs to get our people together would probably pay for an entire year's educational program for many locals. However, even at our extreme costs we find it very desirable to get this education and information down to the stewards. We have been very successful in having this information transmitted from these educated shop stewards down through the rank and file of our organization. The amount of gains that we have made in better understanding and improved working conditions, plus much more militant enforcement of contractual items, have caused us to look on this expenditure as an investment rather than as an item of cost.

In this day and age, and under conditions which unions are now forced to operate, our Executive Board feels that a well educated membership is the only answer to such problems as further gains in wages and working conditions, election to public office of friends of labor, and labor unity throughout the Nation.

Of course this education causes the work-load of the business manager to double about twice a year, but I'm sure that the good business manager welcomes additional work of this type. Local 399 is proud of the added militancy of its membership through the limited program of education that it has been able to instigate to date. We expect considerable gains in the next few months of our program.

JOHN H. BELT, B.M.

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Brother Price Honored By Cheyenne Local 415

L. U. 415, CHEYENNE, WYO.—A

Popular Cheyenne Member Honored



Brother S. P. Stevenson receives his button and certificate in recognition of a half century's association with Local 415, Cheyenne, Wyo., from President J. E. Peters, left, and Financial Secretary C. C. Stocker, right.

half century of association and loyalty to the I.B.E.W. was recognized here a few weeks ago when Brother S. P. Stevenson was presented with a gold 50-year button and a 50-year certificate of membership.

The presentation was made at a small special banquet with Brother Stevenson as honored guest.

Brother Stevenson was born in Kentucky in 1875 and began his electrical career at the age of 17. Brother Stevenson was reinitiated in 1902 by Sacramento Local No. 340.

In 1904 Brother Stevenson decided to settle in Cheyenne get married and raise a family. He is the father of two fine sons, Sterling, Jr. an officer in the United States Navy, stationed in San Diego, California and Clarence, a member of Local 48, Portland, Oregon.

Brother Stevenson states that he is a namesake of Sterling Price the American Confederate General.

R. R. WELCH, P.S.

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Sudden Death Takes 3 Nashville Members

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—The members of Local 429 were recently saddened by the death of three members in the space of two weeks, all suddenly. Brother Robert (Bob) Putman died while in Detroit, Michigan, on a visit to his daughter, in that city. Bob had been a member in good standing of this local since 1937, having served on the Executive Board, Examining Board and various committees. Brother Putman leaves a son who is the present vice president of this local. Brother Duell Wright died while acting in the capacity of superintendent, on a job in Pennsylvania, working for the Edenfield Electric Company, of this city. At the time of his death he was on the Executive Board, Examining Board, and

held the position of vice president. He had held the job of business manager, office of president, vice president and secretary of this local since arriving here on a traveler in 1935. He formerly held membership in his home town of Mobile, Alabama, where he served as financial secretary. He had been foreman on numerous occasions and had run jobs such as Camp Tyson, Milan, Alladin Lamp Company, among others. Brother Wright's card dated back to 1916, making it 36 years old. Brother Chester R. Riley, motorman at Allegheny Electric Company, died a short time after the above mentioned. He arrived here on a traveler from 973, Marietta, Ohio in 1942 and had been a faithful member since that time. The loss of these outstanding men is an awful blow to 429, who just a few months back lost two other members. The charter has been draped and a moment of silence observed by all members at the last meeting, in a final tribute to those who have moved up.

The annual picnic of this local was

held the last Saturday in August and around 600 members and their families attended. The picnic was highlighted by contests in horseshoes, golf, casting, sack race, checkers and last but not least a bingo game, each contest had three awards and the bingo games had numerous prizes, the grand prize was a Mixmaster won by Brother Jack Hansom. The dinner consisted of chicken, barbecue, country ham, ice cream, apple pie and the trimmings. Swimming was enjoyed by some as was table tennis and the music from the juke box. The entertainment committee did a wonderful job and a vote of thanks should be extended to Chairman C. Reasoner, E. G. Hardy, A. B. Buckner and others for their part in planning such a nice outing.

The work in these parts seems to be holding its own and a profitable year is being enjoyed by all. Brother T. P. Loftis returned from his vacation to Florida and parts unknown. Brother Charles Henry is recovering from a recent duel with a telephone pole, one in which he was on the short end of 30 stitches. The steering mechanism in his car failed. Brother Plant has been put on light duty by his doctor, he needs a little rest.

Brother Van Lewis has been appointed to serve the remainder of the deceased Brother's time on the Executive Board, Brother Lampley will serve the remainder on the Examining Board, Brother Buford Putman will serve the time left as vice president.

TOM HANSOM, JR., P.S.

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Gold Honor Badges For Local 431 Members

L. U. 431, MASON CITY, IOWA.—At its last regular meeting, Local 431, of Mason City, Iowa, presented gold badges of honor to five of its members. The enclosed picture was pub-

Long-time Iowa Members Cited



Long years of service to Local 431, Mason City, Iowa, were acknowledged recently with the presentation of scrolls and badges to five veteran members. Left to right are: Charles Hewitt; George D. Harris; Reece Henderson; J. C. Alcorn; Leo J. Skyles, and, making the presentations, President Ralph Knapp.

lished, along with a nice write-up, in the local paper. The members who received the honor badges were: Charles Hewitt, journeyman lineman, 20 years; George Dewey Harris, journeyman lineman, 20 years; Reece Henderson, journeyman lineman, 20 years; J. C. Alcorn, journeyman wireman, 25 years and Leo J. Skyles, city line forman, 35 years.

We had a large attendance and after the business of the meeting was concluded, President Knapp turned the balance of the evening over to the Entertainment Committee who did a fine job of providing the necessary ingredients to combat snake bites, or stray cases of pneumonia that the members might encounter on the way home. I left while the smoke level was still high enough to see the door, and from later reports I understand a good time was had by all.

All joking aside it was a wonderful feeling to receive this honor and the above group joins me in thanking the membership of 431 for their efforts in bringing this honor to us.

J. C. ALCORN, F.S.

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TV Technician Back After Fall Injury

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—John Leshner, one of our eminent TV and radio specialists, has returned to work in his shop. About six weeks ago he fell from a roof and broke his back. Tripped over a gutter. Oh brutter!

But John is philosophical about it. Says he, "Supposing it had been a two-story building." John is and will be wearing a cast for the next several months.

John was one of the first TV technicians in Orange County to join Local 441. Since his initiation several years ago, he has been a diligent worker for both the TV industry and the union.

Recently he introduced a proposal on the floor calling for an investigation into the possibility of the TV workers having a county code and examination comparable to that of the journeymen electricians.

President Peet was quick to appoint a committee to serve under Brother Leshner's chairmanship. Other members of the committee include Brothers Earl Enlow, Cliff Henderson, Ben Switzer, and Roy Williams. Brother Leshner insisted that Peet also serve.

The contention of Brother Leshner is that if the TV industry is licensed it will encourage a higher quality of workmanship, and also add dignity to the profession.

Even though the TV counterpart of Local 441 is yet an infant, we have all risen in support of our "Little Brothers." Progress of the committee has bogged down since John's accident. But he says, "As soon as I can

Second-Highest In United States



This view of Washington's Mt. Rainier was taken by Press Secretary Dick Klaus of Local 441, Santa Ana, Calif., on his recent vacation.

crawl out of this blasted shell I am going to get the ball rolling again."

Brother Harold Mattson is back working again after a three-months convalescence due to a spinal operation.

Well, this press secretary sneaked a "quickee," two weeks vacation into the Pacific Northwest this fall—to Seattle, his birthplace. If you have never been to the Puget Sound country, you haven't yet seen all of the grandeur of these United States. The mighty Olympics covered with eternal snow rise sleepily up from the blue Pacific to protect this inland waterway from the fury of the winter storms which often lash the Washington Coast. On the eastern horizon, the white crowned peaks of the Cascades wend their inimitable way from Oregon to Canada.

To the southeast, Mt. Rainier majestically climbs to a towering 14,408 feet. In all the continental United States she is second only to one in height.

Sprawled below her to the northwest, are rolling hills studded with the pine, the fir, and the cedar—forestland yet unmarred by civilization's cruel axe. Untamed rivers, fed by the melting snows, splash and dash on their descent from the steep rugged mountains. Below . . . far below, these rivers slow their pace as they reach the level valleys. Then they drift and wind lazily on their way to be swallowed up by the sea.

Farmlands checkerboard the valleys. Some are green with young growing crops. Others are dark from the fresh tilling of the fertile soil. This is the Puget Sound country. The gods have endowed it richly.

Everywhere along the shores of Puget Sound, evergreen trees have climbed down from the hills to the water's edge. As if like timid maidens, they pause and giggle in the fresh

winds, hesitating to dip their toes in the cool placid waters.

Many large forest-covered islands lie like giant sleeping ships at anchor, riding the tides. Some extend long low barren bars of sand out into the Sound. Blinking lights at night warn the passing ships of danger.

Green . . . green, everything is so green and fresh and crisp up there. The nights cool and clear. The stars seem but an arm's reach. Oh boy, if only we had a part of it down here in Southern California.

We dug clams on Bainbridge Island, trolled for salmon in Elliot Bay, and caught our limit of Rainbow trout in the Snoqualmie River.

To augment our diminishing monetary reserves, and we dislike any obnoxious references to money, we telephoned Brother Thomas at Local 46 in Seattle and inquired about work. Brother Thomas, a very cordial person, invited us to come to his office. He had a job. Then suddenly we decided to pull the cork and get back home.

If Brother Thomas chances to read this letter perhaps he will understand why we did not keep our appointment one Wednesday morning in September. Anyways thanks Brother Thomas. Maybe next year we will visit Seattle again and then have the pleasure of meeting you.

We have just got to squeeze this in before we run up the zipper. Have you been to an Electric Club meeting lately? "Fergie" will get you if you don't watch out.

DICK KLAUS, P.S.

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Officers Returned With Salary Boosts

L. U. 459, JOHNSTOWN, PA.—At our recent election of officers all who

Annual Get-together at Johnstown



Members of Local 459, Johnstown, Pa., relax, above, at their annual party and, below, enjoy a card game.



had been in office for the previous two years were reelected. They are: President Meredith Smith, Vice President Earl Beck, Business Manager Marlin E. Rosbaugh, Assistant Business Manager Charles C. Ralling, Recording Secretary Sanford J. Haney, Treasurer Louis E. Betterman, Financial Secretary Eugene Baun. Members of the Executive Board are: A. E. Fisher, chairman, F. O. O'Brien, Roy Schalles, Craig Frye and Forrest H. Allison.

All dues in the local have been increased to \$5.00 per month for an A member and \$2.50 per month for BA members. All officers of the local were granted an increase in salaries.

Our Business Agent M. E. Rosbaugh one of the hardest working members of our local, is constantly striving to better working conditions, settle grievances and improve the lot of every member.

Our local has a membership of over 500 members and we should have at least 200 members present at each meeting. You fellows all know that we meet the first and third Thursday

of each month. Now would be a good time to start attending the meetings because we are starting to work on our new contract, so let's have your suggestions now and not two or three days before negotiations start.

Our annual party was held at Vigilante Fire Hall with all agreeing that holding it in the evening, rather than a picnic, was far better for all concerned, and too, they had a much better time.

Plans are under way for a bigger and better Christmas party for our children this year. Let's all plan to attend.

(Enclosed are two photos of our annual party at Vigilante Fire Hall in Johnstown.)

FORREST H. ALLISON, P.S.

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New Officers for Memphis Local 474

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—To report the election, the good Brothers who were elected were: President Geo. A. Peek, Vice President J. L.

Jones, Financial Secretary Shands Morgan, Recording Secretary M. L. Dunnivant, Jr., Treasurer R. E. Egan. Executive Board: Guy Gattis, F. F. Walker, Grady Pickett, C. W. Brakefield, J. G. Walker, Frank Dries, Clayton E. Miller, Jr. Examining Board: A. L. McCarver, Sr., Harry Saunders, Chas. Sullivan, Frank Gusmus, K. L. Broadway.

Brother C. R. (Red) Collins was re-elected to another term as business manager.

After a short delay we finally received our increase in pay of 15 cents per hour from \$2.60 to \$2.75 per hour.

Our work is holding up well, enough work for all our good Brothers and we are working some out-of-town members. It looks as if the work will hold up for a while.

Our fall term of apprentice class study got off to a good start with a fine meeting of all our apprentices. Our staff of instructors include good Brothers, N. E. Dorsett, A. E. (Gene) Marsh, M. L. (Lou) Dunnivant, and yours truly, E. B. Grunnet.

As one of the instructors, the writer would enjoy hearing from you good Brothers around the country about technical information for our classes. We should be happy to hear from you as to your methods and subjects. We believe we have a well rounded program, but good ideas are always appreciated.

That's about it from Memphis, down in Dixie.

E. B. GRUNNET, P.S.

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Work Slow in Area Of Beaumont Local

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS.—Greetings, Brothers, from Beaumont and the Sabine Area. Work in the Beaumont jurisdiction is very slow.

Only a few members are employed in the shops. A goodly number of our brothers are working in other jurisdictions. We have some big contracts in the making, but they will not break until all details are settled.

Work in the Port Arthur area has been very good and the Brothers of Local Union 390 have been busy. They have several jobs that are topping out now and a few new ones that are in the making.

We are enclosing a picture of a group of Brothers who donated their labor on the Beaumont Central Park Youth Center. The electricians pictured are: Left to right, front row: Frank Dillahunt, John D. Southwell, F. E. Mack, V. R. Holst, Ed Wheat, John S. Thompson, Henry Thurston, Jr., John Beuhler; Second Row: Clyde Domingue, W. A. Domingue, S. J. O'Quinn, Henry Sonnier, James Delaney. A number of other electricians from the local worked on the Center, but were not present when the pictures were taken.

Electrical materials and fixtures for the center were furnished by: Thompson Electric Company, Eldridge Electric Company, Davies Electric Company, McIntosh Marine Service Company, Lamar Electric Company, Worth Electric Supply Company, Hinote Electric Company, Holland Electric Company, Neches Electric Company, Miller Electric Company, Blanton Electric Company.

The electricians and contractors who did the work and furnished the materials are to be commended for their thoughtfulness and kindness in helping to construct this Youth Center. Union labor craftsmen of Beaumont donated their labor in the erection of this beautiful center.

Brother D. O. Cannon was obligated at our last regular meeting to fill the unexpired term of Brother R. R. Crisp on the Executive Board. Brother Crisp is out of this jurisdiction working in Joppa, Illinois on a power plant project.

Brother Ernest Crabtree was reported in the hospital for a check up. He has been ordered to rest in bed for six weeks because of a heart ailment. It may be six months before he may be able to be on the job again.

Brother O. Skinner was reported in the hospital.

Brother Dana Wolfe, Jr., suffered a lacerated left leg just above the knee and had 37 stitches taken in it to mend the injury.

Brother Harold Hewitt suffered a back injury at the Rubber Plant, but has recovered and returned to work.

Brother O. U. Graves suffered an appendectomy recently and as he was almost recuperated took sick with the flu and has not fully regained his strength yet from these setbacks. We are pulling for you, Oats!!

Brother Frank Crawford was reported in the hospital.

Brother George Smith has regained his strength enough to be back on the job again.

Brother Otis McClendon suffered a flash burn at the Rubber Plant, but has fully recovered from his mishap, and is back on the job.

We had quite a commotion in our jurisdiction that we had to have the International Representative from District No. 5, to come in and help settle. It happened October 18th, 1952, at 6:20 a.m. in the Baptist Hospital. Robert Wesley Holst was caught standing up in his crib organizing the other occupants of his ward into the I.B.E.W. of A.F.L. He was contending very strongly that he was going to be "Bull" Steward on that project. His Grandfather Brother Wes Holst was rushed here to settle the labor "strife," and everything is well in hand now!! Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Holst for a fine seven-pound, four-ounce boy, You-all!!

Recently, your scribe visited the meeting of Local Union 390 in Port Arthur. I surely will have to hand it

to those brothers. They have a smooth-running organization. The officers were efficient in their duties. The attendance was excellent. They are very democratic and everyone had his voice in the meeting who cared to speak. What impressed me the most was their opening prayer. They have a good Baptist Brother who can really pray and put those Brothers in the right frame of mind to conduct their business. More local unions should open their meetings in this manner. It doesn't do any harm and is conducive to better decisions on matters at hand. Brother Joe Verritt was reported on the sick list. We hope that he recovers sufficiently to be out again soon.

Local Union 479's Executive Board was host to the Executive Board of Local Union 390 in a joint meeting held October 29th, 1952 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Brother Ed Wheat presided over the meeting. Various ideas, working conditions and experiences were discussed that were interesting and enlightening to all. The meeting was recessed to the Golden Arrow Restaurant where the proceedings resumed in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Those in attendance were: E. C. Gones 390, business manager, F. E. Mack 479, W. A. Domingue 479, C. W. Reddoch 479, W. A. Girouard 390, V. R. Holst 479, business manager, Ed Wheat 479, president, C. R. Young 479, J. W. Miller 390, president, G. A. Roy 390, E. M. Rule 390, G. W. Walker 390, W. E. Moore 390, L. D. Birdwell 479, T. Jim Davis 479, chairman of Executive Board, D. O. Cannon 479.

A thought for the day: "Don't punch a brother in the nose if he calls you a fool—take a quick personal inventory, he may be right."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our Brothers in I.B.E.W.

DENNIS O. CANNON, P.S.

Contribute Labor to Beaumont Project



These members of Local 479, identified in the local's letter, donated their services to the construction of the Beaumont, Tex., Central Park Youth Center. Others who also gave of their time and efforts were not present when the photo was taken for the Journal.

Fish Fry Staged at Grand View Park

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA. — Well, dear friends, by the time you read this, one of the most hardest fought political campaigns in history will be over. The victor will be settling back in his easy chair getting ready to enjoy the fruits of victory. The vanquished will be settling back in the easy chair too, but not with the contentment of the victor. He will have a look of distrust on his face, as he sits there trying to figure out just what happened for the campaign to turn out just the opposite from the way he had it figured. If all the people that said they would vote for him, had voted for him how could he lose? Well, all I can say is that he will not know just how many "liars" there are in these United States, until the day after the election, which by this time he has found out. I just hope that he doesn't take it to much to heart, as that all goes along with that great American game of politics.

As the American Federation of Labor came out for the Democratic ticket, then it was the moral obligation of every man of labor, whether affiliated with the Federation or not, to support the Democratic ticket, which is as you know the working man's party.

Old 505 bursted at the seams last week with kindness and generosity. They put on one of the finest all day and half the night fish fries ever staged in these parts. This party was for the members and their families. And believe you me they were there, and a grand time was had by all. Some of our boys even helped out in the floor show by putting on several song and dance acts.

This party was staged at Grand View Park which is located at the junction of Dog River and beautiful enticing Mobile Bay. As the sun went down behind the trees in its never-ending journey around this universe on which we live, and night began to fall, a big beautiful moon took over and furnished this grand occasion with one of the most beautiful spectacles man can hope to see, moonlight on Mobile Bay. It is impossible to describe and only can be enjoyed and remembered by those who have been fortunate enough to have seen it. It really was a grand party. And the thanks and appreciation of those attending were extended to the committee responsible for its success.

Just a little warning, boys and girls, for you to be on your good behavior and to watch your P's and Q's, as Santa Claus is coming to town. And it will soon be time for the little elves and goblins to be snooping around to gather information for the jolly old gent. And when their re-

ports go in let the ones about you and yours be good will you?

As you know, "Your Good Can Be Better, and Your Better Become Best."

PERCY E. JOHNSTON, P.S.

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Slate of Local 508 Officers Announced

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—Here we are again from Savannah, Georgia after several months of absence from the WORKER.

Everything seems to be back to normal. After a very stormy election, our new and reelected officers are as follows: Business Manager M. J. Counihan, President H. D. Partian, Vice President D. L. Canady, Recording Secretary R. A. Ellis, Financial Secretary W. E. Bray, Treasurer H. H. Tuten, these fellows are doing a fine job, support these brothers and they can do even better.

The Executive Board consists of Brothers S. L. Morgan, chairman, K. R. Harvey, T. A. Tucker, E. H. Todd, C. J. See and F. A. Pound.

The Examining Board consists of Brothers W. J. Broderick, chairman, B. E. Alexander, C. E. Mobley, G. H. Vickery and S. W. Nilsson.

Work has been steady here in Savannah—no very large jobs but plenty for our members.

The Georgia State Port job has progressed very nicely—opening date is set for November, the electrical distribution job being near completion. This work and the interior wiring offered our members steady work through the hot summer months, more about that job at a later date.

The Power House under construction in Brunswick, Georgia is nearing completion. This has been one of our really good jobs having employed approximately 80 of our members on it.

The Rayonair Corporation which is building a new mill at Doctor Town, Georgia will get under way in January 1953. This job will also employ a tremendous number of our members.

At the present in this local union jurisdiction, we have a tremendous amount of line work being done. This work involves seven or eight different contractors working from the Florida line to Allendale, South Carolina.

The United States Post Office has leased the first floor of our new building to be used for parcel post. The local union did not spare the expense in finishing this part for the Postal Department. We have fluorescent lighting 2-light, 40-watt on 10-foot centers, 50" exhaust fans, 3/16" floor tile, two large automatic gas heaters, two toilets, 30-gallon water heater, an unloading dock 60 feet wide and 10 feet deep with a canopy, new side walk around the building and all the

trimmings that make a nice place. This part of the construction completes our new building and we will soon have our dedication.

I am sorry to report the death of three of our members, Brother Henry Grady Carter, Horace W. Hayes, and Henry L. Tolle. Brother Carter died of burns received while he was asleep at home. Brother Hayes died of a short illness at a local hospital. Brother Henry L. Tolle died of a heart attack while at work on the job in Port St. Joe, Florida. Brother Tolle was our last living charter member, he being initiated on November 8, 1916. The deaths of these Brothers were felt by all our members. May their souls rest in peace.

This is your union, Brother. Attend your meetings and be loyal to the Brotherhood. Support your local union officers, and they will do a better job for you if they think the membership is behind them, so keep up the good attendance.

D. L. CANADY, P.S.

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Annual Barbecue Of Local 520, Austin

L. U. 520, AUSTIN, TEX.—Pictures of the annual barbecue that was reported from Local 520 in last month's JOURNAL are enclosed with this report. The barbecue was held over the Labor Day holidays.

The Electrical Contractor at the Alloy Plant in Rockdale, Texas is Fisk Electric instead of Fishbach and Moore as was reported in the September JOURNAL. Our deepest apologies to Fisk Electric.

Production of aluminum will be started at Rockdale about November 1st was reported by John Harper, plant manager, at a luncheon of the Austin Lions Club. Harper said the plant is now about 55 percent complete. Marcus Loftis, our business agent, has asked that I thank the men who have called about the job, and has informed me that we will not need any more additional men.

We regret to report the death of one of our Brother Members, J. T. (Buck) Wilkinson, who joined Local 520 on March 8, 1941. "Buck" passed away October 2, 1952 due to a heart attack. We offer our condolences to his wife and family.

NOBLE A. SIMPSON, P.S.

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Death Takes Three Members of Local 558

L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—Hello Brethren everywhere. With heartfelt sympathy your scribe will record first of all the passing away of the three of our Brothers who will be sadly missed in our midst. The old saying,

Austin Local 520, Past and Present



A study in contrasts are these two floats of Local 520, Austin, Tex. The fine assembly at left, complete with telephone poles, was entered in the Labor Day Parade 49 years ago, while the streamlined version at the right won second prize in the parade this year.

Queens of Labor Day Parades



Local 520 is very proud of her Labor Day queens. At left, the 1952 winner, Dorothy Moss, is driven in the parade by her husband, Brother Paul Moss. At right, she poses with winners of other years: (left to right) Freddie Mae Allen, 1950; Jewel Isaac Lindholm, 1951; Mrs. Moss, and Margie Smith, this year's runner-up. In background are Fred Allen and Frank Walling.

Local 520 Holds Giant Barbecue



At the local's recent barbecue are seen, at left, the barbecue and cutting committee: Robert F. Isaac; Joe Kanetsky; Red Johnson; Theo Price; Doyle Chapman, and Shelley Riley. At right, are the serving committee and a portion of the affair's fine crowd.

Parliamentary Law for Local 558



These members of Local 558, Sheffield, Ala., attended all the classes of the course on Parliamentary Law sponsored recently by the Alabama State Federation of Labor. Above, they pay close attention to their instructor and below, pose with their Certificate of Leadership Training, bestowed at the course's conclusion. Front row, left to right: James A. Brock, member of Executive Board; J. O. Brown, president; J. C. McCullough. Second row, from left to right: Hershel Reeves; Kermit Summerall; G. O. Allen; J. A. Brock, Jr.; Leon Daniel; John B. Smith and Ole Happy.



when it rains it pours, but the God of Heaven and our universe knows best. It is a debt that we all will have to pay. And to the bereaved of our deceased Brothers, Brother J. O. Camp, Brother Leo F. Posey, and Brother W. L. Wages, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we, the members of Local 558, express to each family our sincere sympathy. Therefore be it resolved, that our charter be draped for 30 days, our members stand in silent prayer for one minute in respect to the memory of our friends and Brothers.

Boys, if the editor can see fit to publish this beautiful bunch of mug-heads in the JOURNAL, it will be greatly appreciated, and the boys out of town at present will get a hearty laugh.

This group of men participated in all the Parliamentary Law classes sponsored by the State Federation of Labor.

Those who took part were from various crafts, and some were absent

from class when the picture was taken, allergic to camerism, picture inferiority complex, others interested in football and couldn't be there. Ha, just kidding boys.

Our last meeting, following our classes, was a swell meeting, being conducted in order with speed and according to parliamentary rules. We had as our guests our International Representative, Mr. Jimmie Mays, who spoke to us, and congratulated us on our courtesy, kindness and discipline. He stated that he believed it to be one of the best meetings he ever sat in on. Brothers, I wish it were possible for everyone to have been there. A number of we fellows realize now the responsibility of the chairman and realize that the majority of us have spoken out of order 97 percent of the time.

Boys, by the time this is published, we will know who has been elected as President of these great United States of America. All the candidates will have cleared the track making

room for ole Santa to start shining up his sled and bring his reindeer harness out of the mothballs.

We, the laboring class of people are always busy, and should be, because an idle mind becomes the devil's workshop. Time and tide wait for no man. Life here is but a vapor. We, like flowers, just bloom then fade away. Then we look back in amazement and wonder at how little we have done, but now is the time to aid in what can be done to better our standards of living.

Today, our local union should have Brotherhood united for a common cause, but we have the backslider, the hypocrite, the good and bad, even those who will sell you short for 30 pieces of silver as did Judas Iscariot, and come to you as wolves in sheep's clothing. It has been suggested before, and personally, I am for organizing, but not wholesale. For one to become a good craftsman, good workman and unionist, a rigid investigation should be made. He becomes our Brother, and what he learns in four years of his youth he will not depart from. There are those who make a monopoly of the sacrifices and efforts of good unionists, and truly those who don't know the difference between the C.I.O. and the American Federation of Labor, not being rooted and grounded in real unionism then are often misled into darkness.

The point is fellows, the one that I stress most, is watch out for anti-unionists, on and off the job, and those who penetrate into our locals from time to time, and those who feel that they have been a backslider or stumbling block. Are you one of those?

If we have the proper motive, we'll forget, forgive, eliminate all malice, strife, dissension, and jealousy and unite ourselves in a common cause and all march together down the road to victory. Letting people outside know who we are, what we are, and what we stand for, is one way of spreading unionism—for example the Brothers of Local 212, Cincinnati, carrying our JOURNAL to the library, dentist's and other offices.

Say, by the way, how's ole Jack doing up at the powerhouse? Jack, I talked to Arnold Madison the other day, said his sack was low. If Ike gets in, we may slide back across the Ohio and get the sack full of Yankee dollars again.

At present work here is slowing up, several of the boys are out of town.

Brother Broadfoot reported at our last meeting that we would soon have a new parking lot. Preparations are getting under way for new gravel. This will add to the beauty of our local hall—will also be convenient for members and visitors, to whom we, the members, extend a hearty welcome at all times to come in and meet with us, take part and help make our

local tops. If we disagree, after leaving the hall, we'll all forget.

Food for thought: If we make a million friends, we wouldn't have one to spare, but if we make one enemy, we'll meet him everywhere.

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth becomes bitter as gravel of gaul.

G. O. ALLEN (BIG AL), P.S.

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Newly-Chartered Local Introduces Officers

L. U. 647, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Local No. 647, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Little Rock, Arkansas was organized and granted a charter September 2, 1952. Brother Wright of the International Office presented the charter to Brother Carl L. Ledbetter before some 90 members.

Brother L. E. Newland and Brother K. D. Vance of Local No. 295 were our welcome guests and made inspiring talks on what their local had meant to them.

The following officers were elected: Brother Gus Page, business agent; Brother Carl L. Ledbetter, president; Brother Thomas F. Bracken, vice president; Sister Lorena Rosel, recording secretary; Brother H. E. Williams, treasurer; Brother Carl Vincent, Executive Board—N. E. Division; Brother A. C. Graves, Executive Board—Western Division; Brother Bobby E. Dewey, Executive Board—Ozark Division; Brother Alex D. Lestwich, Executive Board—Eastern Division; Brother Charles Cohen, Executive Board—L. R. Division; Brother Carl L. Ledbetter, Executive Board—L. R. Division; Brother R. N. Schmitt, Executive Board—L. R. Division.

The membership of the local at time of organization was 542 and there have been approximately 85 new members making a total at this date of 627. The local office is located at 209½ West 2nd St., Little Rock, Arkansas and has been furnished with new furniture. Mrs. Joyce Longcoy has been employed as secretary.

We plan to have one of the best local unions anywhere, so watch us grow.

LEE A. BLEVINS, SR., P.S.

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Prospects Good for Chester Apprentices

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA.—By the time you read this we will be into the Christmas Season, so, "Merry Christmas" from all of us to all of you.

There is sufficient work in the area to keep all of our members employed,

NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to send in the name of the newly elected business manager, telephone number and address of our new office in Portsmouth, Ohio for the printing of our new Local Union Directory.

With the new atomic job coming up in this jurisdiction, our former business manager is receiving numerous calls.

For the information of all interested persons, the following is the correct listing of Local 575's new business manager:

Glenn Barrett,
1215 Fourth Street,
Portsmouth, Ohio.
Telephone 3-4381

and prospects for the first quarter of '53 look good.

Our apprentice school has started for the season and indications are that our present crop of apprentices are showing keen interest in the educational program.

Our school instructors, all members of L. U. 654, are doing a swell job and should receive more encouragement, appreciation, and cooperation from the rest of us. Their job is not an easy one and few of us realize what a debt we owe them. Hats off to Instructors C. F. Netsch, A. W. Bryant and J. T. Hoffer and all the members of the School Committee.

To all our members serving in the Armed Forces: Merry Christmas—Happy New Year—Good Luck—God Bless You.

The following are "Men of the Month":

Johnnie Madden—Texas Tex
Don Mattote—Swell guy
Harry Medwid—Dependable
Jimmie Merritt—Pappy Jim
Lou Metzger, Jr.—Part of the family
Joe Metzger—Another part
Ray Metzger—And still another
Bill L. Miller—Wild Bill
Bill S. Miller—Silent Bill
Dan Minnick—If heavy, call Dan
Ralph Moore—Still waters
Harold Morgan—Low Tension
Bob Morgan—High Tension
Jim McBride, Sr.—Makes sense
Jim McBride, Jr.—Live wire
Johnnie McHarg—Old friend
Frank McNally—And smart too
John McNally—Super John

To "Skip": L. U. 28, Baltimore—Best regards to all the Baltimore Andersons—Bud.

GORDON S. ANDERSON, P.S.

Proud Review of Local 659 Achievements

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—If my memory is not awry, I believe that I have missed an issue and am forced to admit that it was due largely to the nursing of one of those delightful little injuries known as a smashed finger. It being so absurdly my fault that I have nothing to say except, "Let those who preach safety, practice same." At all events having missed 500 words, am I not now entitled to 1,000?

As this year of 1952 rapidly draws to an end, it is time for reminiscence, time to take stock of our past achievements and to look forward to many more in a bright new year. This year, I believe, marks the 15th year in the existence of Local 659, I.B.E.W., and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those men who have nursed Local 659 from a handful of charter members in 1937 to 1500 members in 1952. It is to be remembered that this was accomplished in spite of many difficulties peculiar to this rugged and far-flung Oregon country.

We say proudly that our achievements have been many and good, and we look to the future with quiet confidence. We are proud to be a small part of the great American labor movement. We are proud to be affiliated with the A. F. of L.; we are proud to be members of the I.B.E.W. and we are proud to be Local Union 659.

Here in North Bend the past few months have brought a change indeed, for on October first we awoke to find ourselves having been transferred from the payroll of COPCO (California Oregon Power Company) to M.S.P. (Mountain States Power Company), as the steam plant which had been leased to COPCO reverted to M.S.P. May I take this opportunity to wish COPCO with whom we have enjoyed so many years of pleasant relations the very best of luck, and to warmly greet M.S.P. with whom we hope for the same pleasant relations.

It might be well at this time to pause a moment to acquaint you fleetingly with our little steam plant here in North Bend, as it represents one phase in the many-pronged operations of Local 659's membership. It is a 15,000 K.W. rated plant powered by five hogged fuel burning boilers. Hogged fuel, a waste product of the local mills, is transported by truck and barge to the plant operations. The larger are loaded at the mills and brought by tugboats to the plant dock where they are unloaded by hoist into the fuel distribution conveyor system that takes it to the desired storage bin. Thus, power is ultimately produced from an other-

wise wasted part of the local lumber industry's operations.

Two turbine units, one a 10,000 K.W. rated Westinghouse, and the other a 5,000 K.W. rated GE provide the power output. The plant transformers and switchboard system serve the greater Coos Bay area and much surrounding territory with power.

The Coos Bay area with its ever-increasing population of some 30,000 and an ever-expanding industry is itself a fair example of Pacific Northwest's amazing postwar growth. It is now a world port and is located centrally for the processing and shipment of large and virtually untapped timber stands. This, together with an ever-growing tendency to utilize all of the tree in the manufacturing of by-products, and the lumber industry's program for perpetual timber harvest, insures a basic industry that has not yet reached its peak.

From the ocean come salmon, tuna, crabs, etc. to feed the nation's fish hungry; and out of the peat bogs come cranberries. I say it last, but certainly not the least is the great dairy industry with herds of Jersey cows that dot the coastal pasture lands, feeding the hungry mouths of cheese factories as well as of the family.

These industries are basic and expanding and the usual adjacent industries are growing by their side; and thus an ever-increasing demand for power is being created both by them and the population attracted to man them. This territory is serviced electrically by M.S.P. which has been hard pressed to keep its facilities abreast of a surging cry for more power, and the North Bend plant is, so to speak, the heart of its distribution system as it pumps blood into dry arteries.

Thus you have a thumbnail description of one phase of the operations of Local 659's members. Brother Paterson has been giving you descriptions of another phase—the Reclamation

Bureau Projects. Between these are numerous others: construction workers; hydro operations; house wiremen; linemen; utility workers; maintenance. All the glamor, romance and plain hard work of electricity from its beginning to final utilization is within the scope of one local. When one pauses to consider the numerous employers represented, the diversified conditions to be met satisfactorily and the distances involved, it makes him wonder just how everything is kept running smoothly.

So here's to you, Brothers and Sisters of Local Union 659, on this the Fifteenth Anniversary of your local!

L. J. WAY, P.S.

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Unions Pledge to Brooklyn Civic Center

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The elections are over. Thanksgiving is past. We have a new President of these United States, the United States of America. Will he do for labor what he promised in campaign speeches? Do we have much to be thankful for?

Christmas approaches. Shall we be joyful? The events of the past month will have held the answer. What the new year will bring is a moot question. But whatever that answer is, we still should be grateful and joyful that we still live in a country free from oppression and suppression—in a country where we can still voice our thoughts, pick those we choose to lead us without recriminations and incarceration; without being sent to slave-labor camps. Yes, we still have much to be thankful for and, take joy in these thoughts.

Yes, certainly, a fine Christmas spirit pervades the air when it is a pleasure to learn that labor unions have joined with fraternal, patriotic and other groups in subscribing to the erection of a memorial building in a new Civic Center in downtown Brook-

lyn for the American Red Cross in New York.

Union labor, headed by Business Manager Messing of the Waiters and Waitresses Union Local 2, has pledged \$100,000 towards the erection of this fine three-story brick and stone building. This is one-fifth of the total amount of a \$500,000 fund sought. General Fund Raising Chairman Miles McDonald, Brooklyn's crusading district attorney, reports that the building when completed, will have cost more than \$850,000 with union labor taking part in the construction. This amount does not take into consideration the furnishings and equipment. A plaque of bronze will be embedded in the walls, commemorating and honoring labor's contribution and its display of the fine spirit of Brotherhood. Many a union Brother has saved another's life by donating his life blood to him through the American Red Cross blood bank. These acts are the true meaning of CHRISTMAS—to give of one's substance without the thought of getting. Let us be thankful for this and through them experience that spiritual joy and happiness — A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

PUMPKIN SEEDS

Perhaps, as you sit by the comfort of your fireside while the snow blankets the ground outside as you read this, the WSB will have approved the wage increase referred to here last month. Perhaps, the new survey requested by the Brooklyn Metal Trades Council is under way. Who can predict at this time, October, when the pumpkin is on the ground? Certainly, not your scribe.

A young pumpkin, weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, arrived at the home of Brother Bill Solan on October 1st. They've named it Joan Sophia. Congratulations to Hilda. A job well done. Bill is feeling better now, thank you. Bill has in the past years been a very active member.

Brother Eugene Brown of Jacksonville (Florida) Local 177, living in Hempstead at present, informed this reporter that he misses the boys down south and promises to pay them a visit when the "swallows fly to Capistrano." He hopes he can make it during the winter months and is going to look in on his Brother "spark-tricians" working in Moosehaven, the Loyal Order of Moose's "City of Contentment." (Can't imagine why an Elk wants to tangle with a Moose. Sounds futile—A Moose is bigger than an Elk any day.) Congenial, devoted, John West, 664's popular secretary—a bachelor again! Or is it a grass widower? His missus sojourning back home in Tennessee, until Jack Frost leaves these parts. Senator Estes Kefauver will welcome her back.

Members of Local 702, West Frankfort, Ill.



At the meeting to which these girls of giving their attention, some seventy telephone operators gathered to hear the report of their Local 702 negotiating committee progress with the General Telephone Company.

35th Birthday for New York Local 722



Officers of Local 722, Cortland, N. Y., hear a laudatory speech from International Vice President Joseph Liggett at their 35th Anniversary Dinner. Left to right are: L. Witty, financial secretary; C. Crofoot, vice president; Mr. Liggett; A. Natale, business manager, and E. Gerrard, president. At right, the local's only living charter member, Brother Leon Gerrard, receives his 35-year pin and a watch from Vice President Liggett.

NEWS FLASH.—By an unanimous vote, Local 664 has now become a stockholder in the I.O. Pension Fund. How about your local, Brothers?

THE END OF THINGS.—An animal's tail comes at the end. With the month of December, a year comes to its twelfth-month end and so with this issue marks the end of one-year's reporting by your scribe. We hope you have enjoyed reading our news presentations. Let us welcome, with the new year our new press secretaries, such as Brother W. J. Gould of Local 360. May the New Year see the dawn of better things to come and world peace.

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P.S.

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union by furnishing various types of instruments for use in classes for members of the Brotherhood.

Dedication of the new home will be held next month and complete details are not available at this time.

The employees of the Ozark Border Electric Corporation were recently organized by the local union. This R. E. A. is located in Missouri. Contract negotiations for the first agreement are in progress.

The local union recently won an NLRB election at Mt. Carmel, Illinois, when the employees of the Mt. Carmel Public Utilities Company (who were represented by U. E.) voted for Local Union 702, I.B.E.W.

R. F. LYTHGOE, Ass't. B.M.

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who gave a very fine speech enjoyed by all; Business Manager William Butler and officers, L. U. 43, Syracuse, New York; Business Manager J. Weigelt and officers, L. U. 328, Oswego, New York; Business Manager F. Grupp and officers, L. U. 325, Binghamton, New York; Business Manager Ralph Halloran and officers, L. U. 139, Elmira, New York; Business Manager Edward Charles and officers, L. U. 394, Auburn, New York; and Business Manager Ed Peck and officers, L. U. 1249, Syracuse, New York.

We sincerely wish that L. U. 722 may continue to grow and show progress as it has since its inception in 1917.

ANTHONY NATALE, B.M.

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First Meeting Held In New Building

L. U. 702, WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—Local Union 702 moved into its new building and the first meeting held in the hall was a special meeting for the General Telephone Company of Illinois, Commercial and Traffic employees. The enclosed photo of the telephone girls was taken at that meeting where some 70 girls from the Southern Division of the company heard a status report by their Negotiating Committee.

Open house was observed September 20 and 21 in the new \$75,000 modern structure. Fireproof and soundproof, the structure is built in an "L" shape with space for future expansion at the rear of the building. Administrative offices, Executive Board room, class room and a meeting room for local union meetings are included in the building. Local Union members from Indiana, Missouri and Illinois inspected the home.

The Illinois Power Company and the Central Illinois Public Service Company cooperated with the local

Local Commemorates Its 35th Anniversary

L. U. 722, CORTLAND, N. Y.—We are enclosing pictures taken at the 35th Anniversary of L. U. 722 on October 4, 1952, which we would like to have placed in the official JOURNAL. The dinner was held at San Rocco's Lodge, at which time several locals were represented by officers.

The only living active charter member, Brother Leon "Slim" Gerrard, was given a 35-year pin as well as a watch by L. U. 722. They were presented by International Vice President Joseph Liggett. Faithful to the local since its infancy (chartered July 17, 1917) Brother Gerrard helped to hold L. U. 722 together through its growth to the present maturity it now enjoys.

Also presented with pins by International Vice President Joseph Liggett were: Brothers Leon Witty, 30-year pin; Harold Race, 20-year pin; and Charles Hart, 20-year pin.

Present at the dinner were International Vice President Joseph Liggett,

Await Approval Of New Bylaws

L. U. 728, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Greetings from down Florida way. We have had an unusual amount of early winter visitors. Our hotels and apartment houses are opening up, preparing for the winter season. The early snow up north probably is the cause for the early arrivals.

After having fully recovered from an operation—and returned to work—we find Brother Bill Morton back in the hospital. This time a little more serious than before. Bill, we are all pulling for you and wish a speedy recovery.

Some more of our traveling Brothers are returning home. To those still away from home we send greetings.

As soon as the International Office approves our new bylaws we hope to have them printed and made available to the membership.

The Wage Committee is going over the old agreement. Some revisions are needed.

Celebrate Local 803's 10th Year



At the 10th Anniversary Dinner-Dance of Local 803, recently held at Reading, Pa., are the local's proud officers: (left to right) Robert E. Moser, financial secretary; Arthur J. Clemens, treasurer; Romeo J. Robidoux, president; Clarence F. Smith, vice president, and Herbert C. Reigel, recording secretary. Below, seated at the speaker's table with the local's officers is International Representative Eugene Sayers, joining in the group singing led by Barton Williams to the accompaniment of the orchestra.



Attendance at our meetings has been much better the last few meetings. Let's keep it up, Brothers.

Our new Electrical Ordinance is in the making. It will be a pleasure to know what is right and what is wrong.

That's all till next month.

CARL A. BJORKMAN, P.S.

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"Chuck" Rhodes Chosen Local 743 President

L. U. 743, READING, PA.—Almost a year has gone by since we wrote in to the JOURNAL. Our new President, Charles "Chuck" Rhodes, is in office a year, and his executive ability has the consensus of L. U. 743 that a good man was elected for the right office. The following Brothers were re-elected: Clair Hollinger, vice president; Jay Groh, recording secretary; Clyde Snyder, financial secretary; Russel Ludwig, treasurer.

New faces on the Executive Board are: J. Verne MacLean and Harry Rhodes.

Our annual clambake, "day of

days," was held September 13th at Pine Tree Inn. The committee in charge; Harry Dowling, Ralph Abel, Walt Rhoads, Paul Kurtz, Irvin Heiser, Richard Kiefer, and George Weidner, with their assistants, deserve all praise for excellent planning, resulting in one of the finest affairs ever held by Local 743. Ask Brother Middleton out of L. U. 98, he knows, and so do the other visiting business agents who graciously presented themselves.

The boys enjoy seeing the "furrin" business agents in person. Seeing the representatives of nearby locals fulfills a curiosity at shindigs of this nature. Leave it to Brother Frank Hittner, our business agent, and he will see to it that many of our out-of-town Brothers usually attend.

The members of L. U. 743 Credit Union, through the very progressive group of officers, are creating advantageous features to all credit union members. All who were eligible for loans of assistance have welcomed the service rendered. The opportunity to save systematically has been appreciated by a large number of the

membership. The Credit Union is a real service to the members, making them thrifty and creating a means to borrow at a rate of interest that is within reason. At the same time a bond of friendship is created in the Brotherhood.

We are happy to state that there is plenty of work at home which affords employment for all members. Wage negotiations conducted with employers were successful. L. U. 743 is enjoying maximum wages as permitted by Federal Law. Since wages have been governed by the cost of living scale, an adjustment based on that clause provides for an automatic increase in wages. This plan of bargaining is satisfactory.

I am very sorry to report the recent death of Brother Herbert "Becky" Leshner. His passing away came as a surprise to his many friends in L. U. 743. He made many friends. The out-of-town boys who got to know him on the Titus Power House job will grieve his sudden departure. "Becky" will be remembered as a right kind of a guy. May he rest in peace.

JOE J. JARMOSKA, P.S.

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Dinner Dance Marks Local 803 Anniversary

L. U. 803, READING, PA.—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 803, Reading, Pennsylvania celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a dinner dance, the first in the history of the organization, on Saturday, September 20, 1952 in the Rajah Temple Ball Room in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Robert E. Moser, financial secretary of the local, gave the Invocation in which he prayed for the continued good relationship between union and management.

Group singing, led by Barton Williams, a member of the local, was enjoyed by all between courses of a very complete and delicious turkey dinner that was served to approximately 550 members, wives and guests.

Romeo J. Robidoux, union president, in his welcoming address, recalled that since the beginning of the union 40 members of the group had been promoted to supervisory positions in the company. Thirty-eight of these men are still on the job, one has retired and one resigned. This is a typical example of the firm relationship that exists between union and management. Robidoux then introduced the following guests: Howard Grabert, business agent for I.B.E.W. Local 126 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank Scindo, president and Howard Grebe, secretary of I.B.E.W. Local 1482 of Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Charles Rhoads, president of Local 743 of Reading, Pennsylvania and Frank Hittner, president

Certificates for Local 817 Veterans



Above, are the members of Local 817 who received their service badges and certificates at the recent ceremonies in New York City. Seated in the center is International Vice President J. J. Duffy.

Below: T. T. Curry, a charter member, is congratulated by International Vice President J. J. Duffy, left.



Above: Vice President Duffy presents M. Fox, president of the Railway Employees' Department, with his badge and certificate.

Below: Vice President Duffy, M. Fox, president of the A. F. of L. Railway Employees' Department, C. McCloskey and C. Smith, both International Representatives, as they mounted the rostrum for the ceremonies.



Above: I. R. Larsen, president of Local 817, right, receives his award from Vice President Duffy.

Below, left to right: Local President I. R. Larsen; Vice President Duffy; Superintendent of Power R. J. Osborn, N.Y.C.R.R.; President M. Fox of the Railway Employees' Department, AFL, and Assistant Superintendent of Power Gooch, N.Y.C.R.R.



of the Building Trades in Reading, Pennsylvania.

I.B.E.W. International Representative Eugene Sayers, who was the first speaker of the evening, announced that Romeo J. Robidoux had been elected to the office of Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Electrical Workers Association. This was considered quite an honor as Robidoux is only the second utility worker to have been elected to any office in that organization.

William H. McElwain, Metropolitan Edison Company's vice president in charge of operations, outlined briefly the expansion program currently being carried out by the company. Included in this program is a new combined general office building, warehouse, garage and operating headquarters with ample parking facilities. This new building being built just outside of the city limits of Reading, Pennsylvania is designed to centralize operations that are at present being carried out in three separate buildings widely scattered throughout the city. A similar structure is nearing completion at York, Pennsylvania which is in MECO's Western Division. Other projects include a new 114 KV transmission line and numerous new substations throughout the system. In conclusion Mr. McElwain praised the teamwork between union and management.

"America Tomorrow" was the theme of the address given by Senator Frank W. Ruth, principal speaker of the evening. Senator Ruth warned that the Communists are a terrible threat to America. He also emphasized the thrilling opportunity for labor and management to work together. The Metropolitan Edison

Company and other electrical utilities were praised by Senator Ruth as he recalled the history of electricity and cited the fact that today in spite of inflation we are still able to enjoy a dollar's worth of electricity for a dollar. Senator Ruth, also a minister of the Reformed Church in Berks County, concluded his address by injecting a religious note pointing out that atomic energy was a gift from God to America, the most powerful nation in the history of the world, for having conquered aggressor nations and then going right back and rehabilitating them and indoctrinating them with the ideals of Christianity and democracy.

A basket of flowers from I.B.E.W. Local 1261 of York, Pennsylvania was presented to Mrs. Romeo J. Robidoux, wife of the local president, by Herbert C. Reigel, recording secretary of I.B.E.W. Local 803.

The potted plants that had been used as table center pieces were given as door prizes. The festivities of the evening were concluded by dancing to the music of Wesley Fisher's Orchestra.

FORREST W. MILLER, P.S.

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International Officer Awards Certificates

L. U. 817, NEW YORK, N. Y.—September 18, 1952 marked another great day in the history of Local Union 817.

We were honored with the presence of Brother J. J. Duffy, International Vice President and Brother M. Fox, President of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor at this gala affair.

Brother J. J. Duffy presented badges and certificates of merit to our members of 25 years standing in our local, one of whom was Brother M. Fox who was a former president of our local.

These are the names of the 53 Brother members who were honored with badges and certificates of merit. Atkins, H.; Barry, R. J.; Braun, A. J.; Briney, G.; Castelli, V.; Cassidy, C. P.; Connors, E. M.; Costello, J. M.; Carlson, J. C.; Curry, T.; Dertinger, C. J.; De Santis, J.; Forting, J.; Fox, M.; Fahey, P. J.; Flynn, D.; Flynn, J.; Gannon, W. J.; Gillo, S.; Helahan, T. J.; Henningson, S.; Hurley, M.; Kline, W.; Koster, C.; Larsen, I. R.; Laube, E.; Looney, M.; Lynch, J.; Miller, V. H.; Mauch, W. W.; Marten, T.; Moffatt, D. R.; Montgomery, E. M.; Myers, J. A.; McGinness, W. G.; McGinness, J.; McKean, H. J.; Noonan, J. F.; O'Sullivan, C.; O'Connor, M. J.; Pils, J.; Reynolds, E. T.; Reiley, T. T.; Rielly, J. J.; Shea, P.; Sheridan, B. J.; Schubert, J.; Steiger, H.; Stanton, C.; Taylor, P.; Tensing, H. A.; Tosi, T.; Williams, I. M.

We were also honored with the presence of Brothers C. McCloskey and C. Smith, International Representatives and J. Morrison, former president of our local, now with the United States Department of Labor on apprenticeship training.

Brother J. J. Duffy after presenting the badges and certificates of merit to our 25-year Brother members gave a very interesting speech on the history of our local from the pioneering days up to the present time. An enlightening speech on the union shop was given by Brother Fox.

Present as guests at this social meeting were Mr. R. J. Osborn, superintendent of power for the New York Central Railroad and his assistant, Mr. Gooch. Mr. Osborn in addressing the assembly commended Local Union 817 for the manner in which union affairs have been handled with management and also the fine caliber of men who make up the membership of our local.

In conclusion, on behalf of our membership and myself, I would like to thank our International Vice President, Brother J. J. Duffy and Brother M. Fox for being present and also wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the three Brother members E. Laube, P. Taylor and R. Kaiser of the Entertainment and Refreshment Committee for a good job well done.

I. R. LARSEN, President

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Past Presidents Honored at Sedalia

L. U. 844, SEDALIA, MO.—Local Union 844, I.B.E.W., Sedalia, Missouri thought this might make an in-

Local 844 Honors Past Presidents



Brothers C. R. Wood, Albert Todd, K. W. Riley and Joe Payne, past presidents of Local 844, Sedalia, Mo., were recently honored with special pins by their local. Brother Fred Rose, another revered past president, does not appear in the picture but was cited also.

teresting news item for the **ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL**.

At a recent meeting of Local Union 844, Sedalia, Missouri the following men were honored with a past president pin, having served in the past as presidents of our local.

After introductory remarks by Leo Coxon the following were presented with pins: Brothers C. R. Wood, Albert Todd, K. W. Riley, Joe Payne and Fred Rose.

CARL R. YESSEN, R.S.

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Combine Negotiating, Contract Committees

L. U. 1062, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

—This year our negotiating and contract committees were combined. In this way committee members are familiar with each step of the way and can work together on recommendations presented.

Immediate wage increases, to be effective from July 1, range from three percent to four percent depending on the individual employee's wage bracket. To this is tied a later two percent across-the-board increase in wages, providing the Utilities Commission issues an order providing local telephone rates to cover the costs of these two wage hikes.

Major changes in the annuity (retirement) program are the lowering of the eligibility age from 30 to 25 years and the overall increasing of benefits by about 35 percent, at no additional cost to employees.

The company and union also agreed that all applicants, before they are hired, must present a medical certificate showing that they are acceptable from a health standpoint. In addition, no employee rating less than six months experience with the company will be permitted to work all-night tours.

Clear new definitions were given also on vacation allowances, leaves of absence and pay for holidays occurring immediately after a leave. The term of leave for an employee elected to office in a local union was raised from one to two years.

Automatic promotion to position of chief operator's clerk will be filled only from employees with at least three month's service as junior clerks. Some liberalization was made in transportation. Allowances for split-tour operators and other minor revisions concerned posting schedules, time of meal periods, rest periods, when meal allowances are applicable and total overtime permitted.

This was a big job well done, and before closing, I would like to offer a sincere "Thank you," on behalf of our membership, to the committee. Those who served were Rebe Adney, Mary Quinn, Irene Goddard, Carolyn Lanphere and Claire Magee. As long

as our local has hard working girls like these we will remain strong as a union. See you at the next meeting.

A. Q. SAWYER, P.S.

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300 Observe Local 1069's Fifteenth Anniversary

L. U. 1069, STAMFORD, CONN.—On Friday evening, October 10th, Local 1069 celebrated its fifteenth anniversary at the Piccadilly Restaurant, Stamford, Connecticut. Over 300 members and guests attended.

The program opened with the playing of our National Anthem, followed by a welcoming message by Brother Ed. Ahern, president of the local. Brother Ahern also read a telegram received from International Representative Francis X. Moore, who, due to pressure of business, was unable to attend.

Brother Bob Hawthorne, business manager, introduced Brother Walter J. Kenefick, International Representative, who did a splendid job as master of ceremonies for the evening. Brother Kenefick, one of the organizers of 1069, outlined the history of the local, and praised the officers for their splendid progress over the years. However, he warned that we must not rest on our laurels, and stated that it was most important that all locals have an extensive educational program for incoming members. Brother Kenefick stated that according to a survey made by the International, Local 1069 was the third "B" local in New England in the manufacturing field, receiving its

charter on May 12, 1937; and the second union shop in the New England area, signing its contract July 1, 1937.

The next speaker introduced by our M. C. was Mr. David G. Shepherd, president of the Electric Specialty Company, who spoke on the beginning of the local, and the changes that have taken place over the years, and extended his best wishes for continued success.

Francis Jones, vice president of the Connecticut Federation of Labor, extended the greetings and congratulations of President Timothy Collins, and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph M. Rourke. Having presided at the local's first two meetings, Brother Jones praised its progress, and wished it continued success.

Brother Richard N. Rogers, International Representative, and former business manager of the local, spoke briefly, and wound up the speakers' program with an amusing story.

The occasion was highlighted by the presentation of scrolls and pins to 54 members by Brother Kenefick. Those honored were: Mary Alexander, John Bobonick, Thomas Byczajka, Elmer Dayton, Julia Fitchben, Mary Hawran, William Jubyna, Joseph Kubanis, Walter Lynch, Mary Moran, Ira Palmer, Frank Russo, Stanley Sarama, Arnold Sessa, Knerr Terzian, Henry Twardy, John Vanchio, David Williams, Ralph Arruzza, Arthur Bridge, Jacob Choykowski, Morris DiCecca, Clarence Fowler, Julia Hedges, Nicholas Kohoot, Margaret Kurz, Bertha Magnuson, Julius Oravsky, Andrew Pataky, Charles

Officers of Anniversary Local



Present officers of Local 1069: seated, left to right: Dave Adelkopf, treasurer; Al Gargiulo, recording secretary; Sid Starr, financial secretary. Standing, left to right: Ed Ahern, president; Jim Otis, vice president, and Bob Hawthorne, business manager.

Stamford's Gala 15th Anniversary Celebration



Over 300 members and guests of Local 1069, Stamford, Conn., joined together to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the local. At left, President Ahern assists International Representative Kenefick in presenting a pin and scroll to Brother Morris DiCecca, who signed the local's first I.B.E.W. application. At right, Brother Kenefick extends his congratulations to the local's members.



Business Manager Bob Hawthorne introduces the evening's Master of Ceremonies, International Representative Walter Kenefick. From left to right are: Albert Baldwin, first vice president; Richard N. Roger, former business manager, now International Representative; Raymond Hoffmaster, assistant secretary-treasurer of ESCO; William H. Haines, general manager of ESCO; Brother Kenefick; Brother Hawthorne; President Ed Ahern; David G. Shepherd, president of ESCO; Francis Jones, vice president of the Connecticut Federation of Labor; George Friend, president, Central Labor Union, and Edward Borggraffe, chief engineer of ESCO.



Past officers of Local 1069: left to right, seated: Al Baldwin; Charles Moehring; Katherine Magda; Harold O'Donnell; Kenneth Easton; Clarence Holt; standing: Clarence Fowler; Richard Rogers; International Representative Kenefick; Harry Bornhauser, and Henry Twardy.

Sakmar, James Saunders, Margaret Sinmochko, Archie Terzian, Stella Ulatoski, Harvey Weed, Walter Wolke, Mary Austin, William Bushley, James Curas, Kenneth Easton, Stanley Glica, Frank Hynan, John Kovacik, James Lindsay, Katherine Magda, Charles Parkin, Thomas Radesky, George Salley, Edward Sendek, Sidney Starr, Chester Troynack, Charles Ulatoski, Joseph Werbesky and Frances Zadrusna.

Entertainment was provided by members of our own local. Selections were sung by our Barbershop Quartet, "The Uncalled Four": Vincent Ferrara, Robert Nolan, Al LaRoche and William Karukas; vocal solos by Vincent Ferrara and Villius Brazenas;

and accordion solo by Nicholas Cotlessa.

A buffet supper and dancing climaxed an enjoyable evening that will long be remembered.

ROBERT HAWTHORNE, B.M.

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Record Attendance for Anniversary Party

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—At the regular monthly meeting for October, at the American Legion Home in Ambridge, the local held a delayed 15th Anniversary party for the membership, which should have been held in June but was delayed due to new contract negotiations. We believe

this was a record attendance as the hall was overcrowded.

Committee Chairman Andrew Hertneky and his committee deserve praise for the manner in which they handled the affair. The ham sandwiches were served quickly with no waiting period, and there was cheese, large plates of it, to build up your thirst for plenty of Fort Pitt brew and pop.

Whitey Francis and his radio orchestra provided music for dancing. This is a union orchestra, which played fox trots, and plenty of polkas, also a few waltzes.

John Psinka, laboratory employe and also a part-time photographer, was there with his camera with which he enjoyed taking pictures of the happy crowd.

The committee members who made this 15th Anniversary party a success were: Chairman Andrew Hertneky; John Nehno; John Polko; John Stepanic; John Guleutz; Aldea Klein; Emily Frolo; Carrie Ward and Veronica Lucas.

Philip De Mailo, whom we see sometimes measuring machines, is now working in the drafting room. Brother De Mailo has been transferred from the press department and is now learning the draftsman trade. Good luck on your new job.

John Psinka, who was a lead press employe, is now in the laboratory. He

is also a part time photographer for the company. You probably wonder why Brother Psinka and his crew have been taking so many pictures lately, well they are for advertising purposes.

Dan Moslek, from the press room department, is a great sports athlete, and some of us wonder if he is on the coaching staff with Ambridge High football team, since we see him on the bench during a football game with the coaches. Brother Moslek helps out on his own time and they love having his help. He is there if Ambridge wins or loses.

Sister Zora Pointek, timekeeper in the stranding department, says it is never too late to graduate. At the age of 35 she received her high school diploma from Leo Taggart, director of Ambridge High School evening classes. Sister Pointek completed her eighth grade and part of the 10th grade work at the Ambridge High. The balance was completed in evening school under a supervised study plan by passing the Department of Public Instruction state examinations in individual subjects. Sister Pointek finished her last class at night school last spring and was presented with the highly-treasured diploma. In the years 1939 to 1942, she attended Duff City College as she was interested in a business administration career. When the war was going on she gave up her schooling at the college to volunteer as a Red Cross nurse's aide at the Sewickly Valley Hospital. She's planning to attend Duquesne University in January to major in business administration. Before her marriage to Stanley Pointek, also an employee here in the local company office on 14th Street and a member of the union, Sister Pointek was the former Zora Stragar and an employee at the time in the braider department.

The 53rd Anniversary of the Central Labor Council of Beaver County, A.F.L. was celebrated with a banquet, October 11, 1952 at the Broadhead Hotel, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. The banquet program was dedicated to the memory of Peter J. McGuire, father of Labor Day. Our local union was well represented. The welcoming committee from our local was John Wolf.

Now for some brief addresses—of course we cannot go into full details and explain what every speaker said as this would require plenty of space. This was a nonpolitical banquet—the Republicans were there as well as the Democrats. Honorable Robert E. McCreary, present Judge of Beaver County, had quite a speech and said since this is election year, what makes our country so great is that regardless of the outcome of the election, the people abide by the results and work together.

J. Scott Milne, our International

Secretary and Editor of the **ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL** from Washington, D. C., was there to make a brief address. In his speech he also mentioned the union label which you should look for in anything you buy. Don't forget Sisters and Brothers, as union members we should buy union goods.

JOHN COZUR, P.S.

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Propose Maximum for Negotiating Period

L. U. 1095, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA.—I have become lax in my duties as press secretary and there have been events that I should have written about before now. To those who were interested, I tender my apologies.

Since my last letter to the **JOURNAL** two of our members have passed on, Brothers Joe Lewthwaite and Bill Dunnett. Brother Lewthwaite was a member of the I.B.E.W. for over five years and his passing was felt by his fellow workers on the C.P.R. road crew, and his death was a surprise to many of us. Brother Dunnett was a charter member of Local 1095 and played his part in many ways for the good of the union. Bill Dunnett was a quiet and unassuming person and no one can remember him having said a bad word about anyone, and his cheerful manner will be missed by all who knew him.

The Canadian railroad (shop and yard) unions have been negotiating for a raise in pay and working conditions since July first of this year. Surprisingly the negotiations have been moving at a fast pace, in comparison, and we should know our fate before the end of the year. A six-month period for negotiations and conciliation should be the maximum amount of time allowed.

On October 18th, Local 1095 celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a banquet and dance. We also used the occasion to honor our first president who served as such for 17 years. It was Brother Walter Meikle's calm judgment and undeviating principals that guided us through those formative years. The presentation was made to Brother Meikle by Brother Ernie Ingles who was vice president for the First District, in the years when we were struggling to retain ourselves within the I.B.E.W. We remember Ernie with affection.

Presentations of membership certificates were made to the members by Brother Ingles. A toast was made to the I.B.E.W. proposed by Brother Ken Rose, general chairman of Regional Council Number Two, and responded to by Brother Keith Cockburn, Executive Officer for the eighth district on the International Executive Council. There was a toast made to

our guests proposed by our local president, Brother George Carter and responded to by Brother Norm Oliver, general chairman for the plumbers and pipefitters on Canadian railroads. Unfortunately I was unable to hear what the speakers said because the lemonade I was drinking began to affect me strangely about that time.

Among the guests, not already mentioned, were Mrs. L. Buckley and Mrs. William Dunnet, wives of members who died this year. Also present were Brother Cecil Shaw, International Representative; Brother Bill Farquhar, business manager and financial secretary of Local 353; Brother Crocker and Brother Sheldon of the C.P.R.; and Brother William Cook of C.N.R. and wife.

I tried to circulate around to talk to the guests but had difficulty in locating them due to the effect the lemonade had on my legs and vision. To overcome this difficulty I was trying to locate Brother Cecil Shaw by following cigars but the cigars always turned out to be in the wrong face. So I gave up and sat in a corner and drank more lemonade.

Others were doing the same and the effect was odd, one of them found his way to my home and fell asleep thinking he was in his own home; another wandered the streets all night looking for his house.

Well, a good time was had by all, and those responsible for the affair are to be congratulated.

ROBERT P. CRETNEY, P.S.

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Senator Case Presents Apprentice Certificates

L. U. 1250, RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Eight apprentices from this local received Certificates of Completion of Apprenticeship at a Labor Day ceremony held in the Alex Johnson Hotel ballroom, Rapid City. The joint training program, under which certificates were awarded, is participated in by area bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, plasterers and painters through the sponsorship of the Black Hills Area Building Trades Joint Apprenticeship Committees.

Senator Francis Case presented certificates to members of the seven trades at the completion banquet which was attended by about 250 people. In making the presentations, Senator Case said "there is no limit to what a free people can do if men can talk with their employers on an equal basis." He added that the Black Hills area was blessed with workmen "who know how to work."

John F. Barrett, St. Paul regional director of the U. S. Labor Department's bureau of apprenticeship, and one of the guest speakers, said that the success of the apprentice program

Apprentices Graduated by Local 1250



Eight apprentices from Local 1250, Rapid City, S. Dak., received their completion certificates at a Labor Day ceremony. Left to right, back row, are: Joe Manley, contractor and vice president of the South Dakota N.E.C.A.; Apprentices Myrel Triggs, Bill Brattmiller, Francis Christensen and Rodney Houk; front row: Apprentices Neil Freeland, Floyd Rasmus, James McKinstry and John May, and Local Financial Secretary William Ashmore.

was due to the teamwork of labor, management and the employment service.

Answering for the newly-graduated journeymen, Hugh P. Bailey, bricklayer, said that it "means a great deal to a young man to learn a trade and make enough to support a wife and family while learning." He continued by saying that pride in personal achievement is "outweighed by humility" when considering the patience and goodness-of-heart displayed by the journeymen "in teaching us our trades."

The welcoming address was delivered by Mayor A. L. (Gus) Haines; H. L. (Heinie) O'Meara was toastmaster; Monsignor Michael S. Roach gave the invocation; and Reverend Rew Walz of the Presbyterian Church said the benediction.

Congratulations are in order for the new journeymen electricians: John F. May, James R. McKinstry, Floyd W. Rasmus, Myrel C. Triggs, Rodney L. Houk, Neil Freeland, Francis J. Christensen, and William Brattmiller.

WM. H. ASHMORE, B.M.

Member's Invention Used At Commonwealth Edison

L. U. 1367, CHICAGO, ILL. — The self-locking safety strap snap illustrated is used exclusively by the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago and Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company.

False engagers and failure to snap Dee rings with snap have been eliminated by both companies over the period of use of this snap. The snap is manufactured exclusively by the R. H. Buhrke Company of Chicago and was invented by Albert N.

Thompson of Local 1367 I.B.E.W. of Chicago.

The snap is of the positive locking variety and is easy to operate. To release the snap it is necessary that the trigger slide be moved toward the stirrup before it is possible to depress the tongue. Release of the slide causes the snap to lock. The action is positive and locking and disengaging the snap from the Dee ring or into the Dee ring requires a deliberate action.



Safety strap, invented by Brother Albert N. Thompson of Local 1367, Chicago, Ill.

The snap is on field trial with many utility companies and has enjoyed wide acceptance. It is only a matter of time before it will be adopted as standard by a large number of utilities. For use in your company's personal safety program, samples of these snaps will be made available for field test.

This self-locking safety snap is also available with round eye for use on cable or rope safety slings.

Investigate these snaps, to promote maximum safety for your linemen.

PRESS SECRETARY.

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Shipyard Recovering From Temporary Lull

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Hi Ho, everybody, report time is with us once more, and so is ole man winter. Just can't realize that in the next three or four weeks the year 1952 will be on its way out and gone down in history as the year when two great

generals and a commander-in-chief became private citizens again.

At this writing it is getting very difficult to figure who our next President will be. So Brothers and Sisters, your vote will tell the story—in other words we are asking for it.

Our program at the yard, at Curtis Bay, Maryland, is getting in shape after a slight lull in activities for the past few weeks due to preparations being made for the 95-footers to go on production.

And now, let's go to our meeting hall. At the regular meeting of Friday, October 17, 1952, with Brother George Burkhardt in the chair and all the officers in their respective seats, it was our pleasure and honor to welcome Brother Orrin Burrows of the International Office at this meeting. However, before Brother Burrows went into his order of business, he was granted the honor of obligating a class of 14 candidates for membership. Listen fellows, want to know something? Try to get Mr. Burrows for our next initiation class, how 'bout that?

A word from your scribe to the 14 new members. You have just made the most intelligent move for your future career, and hope you will always cherish and abide by the constitution and bylaws of our Local Union 1383, and the I.B.E.W.

In closing, your Press Secretary Sears wishes all of you Brothers in 1383, and the I.B.E.W. a very Pleasant and Merry Christmas.

REUBEN SEARS, P.S.

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Praise for Team Of Die-Setters

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA. — With the yuletide season upon us once

Stand-out Local 1402 Die-Setters



High praise is accorded these nine die-setters by their fellow members of Local 1402, Pittsburgh, Pa. Left to right, standing, are: Felix Charnesky; John Sutter; Max Elm; James Tunney, steward of the Press Department; Herman Harst; Joseph Trpcic, and Edward Planz. Kneeling: Andrew Potoski and Raymond Miller.

again, everyone will be quite busy, what with Christmas shopping, buying the turkey and Christmas tree plus a hundred things that always come up at the last minute. So in turn I will try to make this month's column short and sweet. At this time I will tell you about the best doggone die setters in the country and I could even add one or two cities. These nine men are the backbone of Steel City Electric Co. who are responsible for maintaining the production standards on all three turns, there never being a job too small or too big for these men to handle. The group of men presented this month have a grand total of over 135 years of experience in the die setting field at Steel City alone. So it can be seen easily why there is a high production standard at the S. C. Company. Each one is a competent worker in his particular department, but if a job is too big for one man there is always a willingness to lend a helping hand on the part of the Brothers in this group picture. In praising these men we do not intend to take away from the other Brothers and Sisters who are also important cogs in the wheels of progress, as we have been going up the ladder for the last 50 years.

We wish to take this opportunity through our JOURNAL to extend to all our Brothers and Sisters a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous and Happy New Year.

And now in closing we wish to leave you with this thought:

Our Lord was born on Christmas day
Seek out your church, kneel and pray.

"BUZZ" SCHWARTZ, P.S.

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Co-Worker's Skill Saves Member's Life

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—A few months ago one of our Brothers, Henry Puchta, came in contact with a high voltage wire and was rendered unconscious. Immediately, Brother George Mueller, lineman on the pole with Mr. Puchta, applied pole top respiration, and with the assistance of Brother Beste, a truck driver, got Henry to the ground and used Schaffer method of respiration and revived Brother Puchta. In the meantime, an ambulance was called and was at hand to take Henry to the hospital, not much the worse for his experience.

So, Brothers, an investment of a little time to learn and practice first aid and safety pays great dividends . . . life! About a month ago, Brothers George Mueller and William Beste were awarded the Edison Institute award for saving a life.

Our wage negotiations are over. The result is three percent paid now

retroactive to July 1, and four percent to be approved by the Wage Stabilization Board, also retroactive to July 1. A mutual and just contract when all is calculated. Thanks to an active Negotiation Committee.

Did we all do our best on Election Day? Do we see our mistakes so as to guard against them in the future?

I wish to express to all a Merry Christmas.

T. W. RAUER, P.S.

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Beloved Hanson Member Dies in Home Blaze

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—October's bright blue weather has a sadness in its air as we report the death, last week of one of our old-timers, who was fatally burned at a fire in his home.

Bill Estes retired about six years ago after 25 years with Wheeler's. He served in Building A as lead burner, as pickler and finally as head of the Inspection Department. A native son of Hanson he was well known and had a good word for everybody—a good neighbor and a kind friend. Little children loved him and what better can be said of him, "for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

His family are receiving our sympathy. His three sons, all veterans of World War II are members of our local.

We extend our sympathy to Arthur Lurvey and his wife, whose mother died this week.

Malcolm Ward, assistant plant manager has returned from his honeymoon. We extend to him our best wishes; also to Larry Warwick and Florence Bruce who were married on October 25th.

Eddie LeCain has finished banking his first million and has retired. We'll miss him. Who will keep us informed about the races?

And Brothers and Sisters of Local 1514, I'm coming back to work. Although I worked only three days in October, I haven't enjoyed myself. Part of the time has been spent in the hospital and the rest of the time getting over the ordeal. I'm still in the back seat when our group talk about "my operation." When I went to the hospital I was sure I'd have a chance to join the "operation" group, but I didn't have anything they wanted to take so I came home intact.

Despite discomfort I had time to miss all of you, and to appreciate the kind thoughts expressed by cards, letters, flowers and cash. Hope I won't leave you again until I get married.

Sorry to report that the enamel room has lost another nice boy, because Al Borsari has transferred to the press room. Charles Alpert has returned to day work in the pickle room and some of the brass workers have returned to work after a long lay-off.

There is a night shift in the paint shop. Charles Ferry has been promoted to foreman of the casting room and Billy Ward has been appointed to fill his place as steward and executive-at-large.

First Label for Local 1773



The first I.B.E.W. union label is applied to a product at the Crosley Radio and Television plant in Toronto, recently organized by Local 1773. Participating in the ceremony are, left to right: I. M. Leslie, company vice president and general manager; Leo A. Grondin, International Representative; Rhona McColeman, financial secretary; Les Sinko, local president, and A. J. Roper, superintendent of the plant.

Arthur Lurvey has taken the job of leader in the packing room.

We hope the lights in the enamel room have been improved.

As this is written we are on the eve of electing a President. Let's hope we all voted. We have the right to our own opinion and can vote as

we think right. If our candidate loses, this is still our country and there is none better in the world.

And however our vote goes remember:

"They are slaves who dare not be,
In the right with two or three."

VERDA M. LANE. P.S.

With the Ladies

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for their very own to spend for presents as they please. (My friend's eight-year old son bought his one-year old brother a toy lizard and a rubber dagger last year—but what matter!) Let them wrap them themselves also. And when you are terribly busy and want to keep them from underfoot, why not let them make Christmas cards to send or enclose in their gifts. Ribbons, lace doilies, paste, crayons, construction paper and old Christmas cards from which pictures may be cut, provide all the makings.

The Little Lord Jesus loves the children best and wants them to have the best time on His birthday, so let's see that His wish is carried out.

On another page in your JOURNAL is a Christmas story especially for the children. We hope they will enjoy it.

Now girls, just one more little note. Don't be so busy getting ready for Christmas, that you forget to look pretty yourself. Remember you want the girl under your husband's Christmas tree to look pretty good to him, so try to find time to do your hair and nails, give yourself a facial (the five and dime has marvelous preparations for this) and if you can afford a new frock, fine and dandy—if not, try having your best one cleaned.

And now ladies, we must say so long for this year. It's been a pleasure to "write" these little "talks" for you monthly. May the Blessed Child of Christmas bless you and yours and bring you happiness and peace.

See you next year!

Answers to Quiz

1. Pentateuch
2. Isaiah
3. Exodus
4. Genesis
5. Leviticus
6. sold by his brothers and carried into Egypt
7. king and prophet, ruled his people as a true pattern to all good kings
8. a queen who won her king's mercy for the Israelites after risking his anger by disobeying a law
9. spoke the immortal words: "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God"
10. defeated armies with the jawbone of an ass
11. the father of his people
12. received the Ten Commandments from God on Mt. Sinai
13. noted for his wisdom
14. saw a vision of angels descending and ascending a ladder to the throne of God
15. delivered by angels from the city of Sodom
16. St. Paul
17. John
18. Mark
19. Matthew
20. Joseph
21. Bethlehem
22. Mary
23. and laid him in a manger;
24. and they feared with a great fear
25. Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings, of great joy, that shall be to all the people:

Legend of the Christmas Guest

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had another surprise for them. On his way home he had met a man from a neighboring town who asked him to give his father a message.

"He has a good job for you Papa," Hans said. "He wants you to come to work the day after Christmas."

"Praise the Good Lord," said mama gratefully. "The Little Christ Child has truly blessed us this Christmas, as surely as if He had come to our poor house." Then mama turned to where the old man had been sitting by the fire.

"You must meet our oldest son, Hans, old father," she said, and then she stopped short. And papa and all the children turned to see what was the matter. And mama was staring at the place where the old man had been. But now instead of the ragged old man, the most Beautiful Child in the world was standing there—in shining white robe, His golden curls tumbling 'round His shoulders.

And the truth dawned upon them all. The old man whom they had befriended, had been the Christ Child in disguise.

The beautiful little Boy said nothing for a moment. Then He walked over and laid a lovely doll in Gretchen's arms—little Gretchen who had never had a doll. Then he pointed to a big box on the table—a box which had not been there before and which held wonderful presents for them all—warm clothes and food and toys.

Then the Child smiled and said, "I must go now, but My Father will bless you all. Whenever people are good to the poor and the old and the sick and the hungry, they are being good to Me. Yes, I was the old man you took in and fed and your kindness shall not go unrewarded."

Then He was gone.

And the people of Verengaria learned a lesson from this. They



Christmas Trees



Colorful balls, bright lights, sparkling tinsel and snow, and the fragrant odor of a Christmas tree, have come to be known as a very important part of that joyous season of Christmas. In just about all the homes throughout the world, Christmas morn will dawn and find a tree with its branches brightly decorated with lights and ornaments to hail the birth of Our Lord, The King of Kings.

Legend tells us that the first Christmas tree was a palm tree brought from Egypt. The 12 parts of the palm signifying the 12 apostles of Our Lord. While from other sources we trace the first lighted Christmas tree to Martin Luther. The story goes like this.

While walking through the countryside on a starlit, snowy Christmas Eve, Luther's thoughts turned to the Nativity of the Christ Child. The beauty of the stars shining from the heavens and the snow resting on the branches of the trees made such an impression on his mind that when he returned home, he tried to recapture the beauty of the scene for his wife. He cut an evergreen from the woods and attached candles to its branches to represent the stars with their light glistening on the tree just as it had many, many hundred years before in Bethlehem when Our Saviour was born.

In America, the first record of a trimmed Christmas tree appeared around the American Revolution, when Hessian soldiers who recently came from Germany decorated a tree at Christmas in their native custom.

The Germans were responsible too for introducing the pine Christmas tree in England. Queen Victoria wishing to please her husband, the German Prince Albert, had a tree brought to the palace each year where it was trimmed in the same fashion as those in Albert's homeland.

The first tree trimmings were just tufts of cotton, strings of popcorn

and cranberries, flowers, foodstuffs and paper ornaments, but through the years this has changed until today, the 20th century, we enjoy electric lights, tinsel, colored ornaments and a host of other factory-made novelties.

Just how all the other Christmas decorations, other than lights, developed is not clear. Tufts of cotton and strings of popcorn were used on trees to represent snow, while apples and strings of cranberries added color. The idea of decorating trees with foodstuffs such as ham and bacon was probably an outgrowth of practices of early forest dwellers. They would tie their food to tree branches in an attempt to keep them out of the reach of prowling animals. Ancient people also worshipped trees and in paying tribute and offering sacrifices they often tied gifts of food to the branches. Because giving was a trait of the Christians, the tree was the "Christian tree" or as we know it, the Christmas tree.

From this ancient custom has evolved a "many million dollar business," for which the Christmas tree has been responsible.

Privately owned lands are the source of 87 percent of the 21½ million trees harvested each year with the remaining 13 percent cut from public lands, either owned by Federal Government, state or county. Natural wooded areas or pasture lands provide our nation with 93 percent of its Christmas trees while the remaining seven percent, yielding about 1½ million trees annually, come from plantations. There are approximately 100,000 acres now planted for the single purpose of growing Christmas trees.

The total number of Christmas trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million and of this number, nine million were shipped from Canada in 1951, providing a 20 million-dollar wholesale business or a 50-million dollar retail business.

learned to be kind to all—the poor and the sick and the lame and the blind, because anyone of them could be the little Christ Child in a different form.

And little boys and girls who read this page, you also must always remember to be kind to

those less fortunate than yourself, because while the Little Christ Child may not come to your house as He did in Verengaria, He has said that any good thing we do for the poor, we have done it for Him.

The End.

The Nation's Library

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greatest array of services furnished to all types of readers of any similar institution. At the same time, its service to Congress is invaluable.

The Legislative Reference Service which conducts extensive research for members of Congress, last year handled 45,000 requests. These, submitted by every member of both houses, "concerned most of the important questions before Congress, and . . . reflected the serious international situation, the Nation's defense effort, and the resultant increase in the tempo of government."

Research Projects

The Library of Congress also performs for other governmental agencies numerous services such as the lending of books and other material for research projects.

Other public services include the 1,500 titles published by the Library, and musical concerts given in the two auditoriums.

The modern Annex, erected in 1939, houses the Thomas Jefferson Room which has reading facilities, reference assistance, and a catalog approximately duplicating that in the main reading room.

Local History and Genealogy, Manuscripts, Orientalia, and non-current newspapers are kept in the Annex also. Here are located the Science Room, Slavic Room, Copyright Office, which has handled more than 8,000,000 registrations since 1897, and a Photoduplication Service which is one of the most modern in the country.

We have surveyed the history of the Library of Congress and its present operation. Let us now take time to see what this national landmark, one of the most frequently visited in our Capital, offers to the casual visitor or sightseer.

The entrance, through a porch of three arches, opens into the shiny marble great hall. Here signs of the Zodiac are inlaid in brass in the polished floor, enclosing the sun as a centerpiece. Fig-

ures on either side of the great hall hold torches high as if guarding the entrance-way to the nation's learning.

Ascending the wide stairway we stand, in the arcade of exhibits amid an intensity of Renaissance mosaic and painting, vivid in reds, yellows and blues, face to face with our heritage. Here are such permanent exhibits as the Gutenberg Bible and Great Bible of Mainz. Here can be read the Lincoln, Wilson, Jefferson and Washington papers. On display are the original of the Articles of Confederation and one of the original copies of the Bill of Rights. As awed citizens we are privileged to see for ourselves the engrossed and signed originals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Another permanent exhibit on this floor, representing Milestones of American Achievement, shows such diverse roots of Americana as the first telegram sent by Morris from the White House, the original score for the St. Louis Blues, and a letter from Theodore Roosevelt to Helen Keller.

Inspiring Inscriptions

There are many, many inscriptions around the walls of the Library to inspire the reader, and there are names of the great men of our past which have been engraved in ceilings and windows. The low ceiling of the South Curtain of the Prints and Photographs Division, for instance, in its stained-glass panels holds the names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence with "Liberty" inscribed in the central panel.

Elsewhere in the exhibit area, one finds that there are special exhibits from month to month. Recent displays have been the United Nations Day Exhibit; an exhibit on Nepal; Political Campaign Banners, Buttons and Badges; Documents on Human Rights; and the Military Banner of General Eisenhower.

A finely detailed marble mosaic of Minerva, the guardian of Civilization, decorating the wall of the landing which leads to the Rotunda, is only one of the innumerable works of art literally covering walls and ceilings of the Library.

Main Reading Room

From this stairway, one can step into the visitor's gallery which looks down into the Rotunda or Main Reading Room—the central part of the Library. Here eight great pillars made of Italian and African marble thrust upward towards the high-vaulting dome. Against the red pendentives of the dome are set eight ivory statues symbolizing Religion, Commerce, History, Art, Philosophy, Law and Science.

Around the balustrade of the gallery stand sixteen bronze figures, looking with benign detachment on the would-be philosophers, scientists or historians below, poring over ancient tomes and modern periodicals in the patient quest of learning.

These sixteen statues are each of a great man illustrious in the forms of thought and activity typified in the figures just named. The bronze statues are in pairs, with each pair flanking one of the great piers of the Rotunda.

Six stained-glass windows in the arches around the base of the dome are emblazoned with the state shield of each of our 48 states.

Mass of Marble

Gazing up into the brilliantly illuminated dome, one is awed by the mass of marble and mosaic, stucco and terra cotta, flourishing amid a profusion of Renaissance-like grandeur.

And perhaps for a moment the purpose of this veritable mountain of books is forgotten. But the remembrance comes back swiftly, resounding from the busy arehways of the past into the cool silence of the future:

"All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been: it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of . . . (these) . . . books."

About Our Back Cover

Every year, in cities large and small all over these United States and Canada, community Christmas trees are erected and enjoyed by thousands, and in a great many communities, members of our Brotherhood perform the electrical work which make these Christmas trees shimmering things of beauty.

We should like to pay tribute to our Brothers everywhere who contribute so much to the "sparkle" of Christmas by lighting trees, creating Santa Claus lanes, etc.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas tree in the world and certainly the one viewed by most people, is the one erected yearly at Rockefeller Center in New York. Last year's tree is pictured on the back cover of this issue of your JOURNAL. Electrical work on this tree is performed each year by members of Local Union 3, New York.

Here are some facts about this year's tree which will give our readers an idea of the tremendous decorating job which is done at Rockefeller Plaza.

This year's tree is an 85-foot Norway spruce from Tranquility Farms, Allamuchy, New Jersey. It arrived in Rockefeller Plaza on the first of December. The decorations include 600 nine-inch translucent globes in white, red and yellow plastic, illuminated from within, thus giving the same effect both day and night; 5,000 seven-watt clear, sparkling firefly lights; 3,000 feet of golden garlanding made of aluminum foil especially created for Rockefeller Center by the Reynolds Metals Company, and a four-foot white plastic lighted star topping the tree.

Two 16-foot evergreen wreaths decorated with white and gold pine cones and red and yellow plastic globes have been placed on either side of the RCA Building entrance on Rockefeller Plaza, and evergreen garlanding is draped along the second floor setback of the building and around the parapet of the Skating Pond. Evergreen boughs fill the six fountain beds in the Channel Gardens which are decorated with 324 giant white

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1. O. (3)	R. B. Horne	1,000.00	80	W. A. Robinson	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	H. J. Nielsen	1,000.00	86	G. E. Drew	150.00
1. O. (3)	C. Rauscher	1,000.00	86	G. Ruhl	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	B. Reiss	1,000.00	88	W. H. Ward	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	W. Reynolds	1,000.00	98	C. R. Hartranft	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	L. Seibert	1,000.00	103	G. W. Snook	1,000.00
1. O. (5)	E. A. Anderson	1,000.00	103	F. F. Hession	1,000.00
1. O. (5)	W. McGlumphy	1,000.00	103	S. E. Parker	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	J. W. Beam	1,000.00	108	H. T. La Motte	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	W. Hanschen	1,000.00	116	R. F. Pachal	1,000.00
1. O. (22)	R. L. Barker	1,000.00	124	W. D. Bradley	1,000.00
1. O. (46)	K. H. Horsky	1,000.00	126	G. Tucker	1,000.00
1. O. (51)	S. J. Thompson	1,000.00	130	G. A. Galatas	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	M. G. Bauman	1,000.00	131	C. Hamilton	1,000.00
1. O. (103)	F. J. Donnelly	1,000.00	134	C. J. Humpley	150.00
1. O. (110)	A. A. Klieker	333.33	134	J. W. Linden	1,000.00
1. O. (110)	J. Conrath	1,000.00	134	O. Drinhams	1,000.00
1. O. (122)	T. E. Niblock	1,000.00	134	W. Lundmark	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. W. Heizer	1,000.00	134	R. Shepard	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	L. J. Parke	1,000.00	180	M. P. Guyon	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. E. Roth	1,000.00	183	J. A. Wood	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	H. A. Schneidewendt	1,000.00	195	A. Sager	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	W. R. Medow	1,000.00	196	J. Kieven	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	H. F. Hatz	1,000.00	214	A. Robinson	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. L. Naumann	1,000.00	231	K. E. Bergmark	650.00
1. O. (134)	M. J. Finan	1,000.00	245	W. J. Green	1,000.00
1. O. (212)	J. P. Seibert	1,000.00	245	E. J. Miller	1,000.00
1. O. (212)	F. Meder	1,000.00	245	O. R. Truman	1,000.00
1. O. (245)	C. A. Woodward	1,000.00	302	E. D. Oliver	650.00
1. O. (309)	G. Carter	1,000.00	304	R. E. Wright	1,000.00
1. O. (329)	M. S. Mulholland	1,000.00	304	K. W. Gugler	1,000.00
1. O. (332)	L. H. Frink	1,000.00	308	C. W. Flynn	1,000.00
1. O. (340)	E. Hansen	1,000.00	313	W. J. Burke	1,000.00
1. O. (347)	L. Johnson	1,000.00	318	R. B. Powell	1,000.00
1. O. (354)	D. E. Carnan	1,000.00	318	J. T. Hollifield	475.00
1. O. (396)	B. J. Goulding	1,000.00	320	M. C. Rhoades	1,000.00
1. O. (485)	C. M. Bestick	150.00	332	N. P. Cadwallader	1,000.00
1. O. (579)	R. D. Vaughn	1,000.00	332	L. N. Johnson, Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (591)	P. R. Schumacher	1,000.00	342	C. Hunter	1,000.00
1. O. (617)	A. H. Scott	1,000.00	349	B. D. Byrd	500.00
1. O. (621)	E. P. Okey	1,000.00	349	P. F. Kemper	1,000.00
1. O. (751)	K. P. Fricke	1,000.00	367	C. E. Bertron	1,000.00
1. O. (784)	B. F. Gerrard	1,000.00	369	R. W. De Monbrun	1,000.00
1. O. (797)	W. G. Reeves	1,000.00	400	V. P. Byrnes	1,000.00
1. O. (887)	D. Richards	1,000.00	428	J. W. Chapman	1,000.00
1. O. (910)	H. R. Brown	1,000.00	429	D. Wright	1,000.00
1. O. (911)	A. Temple	1,000.00	447	C. T. Sullivan	665.00
2	G. A. Vogt	1,000.00	456	J. Murphy	1,000.00
3	R. Schaffert	150.00	459	F. R. Penner	1,000.00
3	S. Bushell	150.00	465	C. D. Foss	1,000.00
3	D. Bush	150.00	465	H. H. Hinkle	1,000.00
3	J. J. Conroy	200.00	477	F. B. Lee	1,000.00
3	L. Pujelle	1,000.00	508	H. L. Tolle	1,000.00
3	G. F. Sundberg	1,000.00	520	T. Wilkinson	1,000.00
3	J. J. Kelleher	1,000.00	521	T. Wilkinson, Jr.	1,000.00
3	J. J. Goodley	1,000.00	531	R. A. Ellis	1,000.00
3	G. C. Schmitzer	1,000.00	505	E. H. Meine	1,000.00
3	W. Cannon	1,000.00	602	E. R. Bales	1,000.00
3	C. C. Hochlind	1,000.00	620	J. Vickerson	1,000.00
3	W. C. Rogers	1,000.00	638	D. Meyers	825.00
3	P. H. Rolff	1,000.00	657	J. F. Maneth	1,000.00
3	J. F. Maranta	1,000.00	674	E. D. Covell	1,000.00
3	G. Lida	1,000.00	708	J. K. Bader	1,000.00
3	A. G. Overecker	1,000.00	723	R. Bower	1,000.00
3	P. Oettinger	1,000.00	733	J. G. Draper	1,000.00
3	R. L. Graham	1,000.00	744	E. E. Rhoads	150.00
3	L. Schlack	1,000.00	755	H. C. Lewis	1,000.00
11	E. G. Sainservain	1,000.00	762	R. L. Simons	1,000.00
16	W. Smith	1,000.00	772	H. A. Kirkland	1,000.00
17	J. Murray	1,000.00	817	F. A. Korten	1,000.00
18	H. F. Howard	1,000.00	818	J. T. Kirby	1,000.00
23	W. J. Goren	1,000.00	835	J. Odle	500.00
28	H. M. Tressler	1,000.00	865	M. F. Boyle	1,000.00
27	T. A. Hicks, Jr.	500.00	910	E. Bertrand	500.00
27	G. F. Sauer	1,000.00	916	C. D. DeBorne	500.00
35	G. F. Dill	1,000.00	949	R. W. McFarland	1,000.00
35	J. Moynihan	1,000.00	1012	A. Klappauf	1,000.00
38	C. R. Lee	1,000.00	1029	R. Gachet	1,000.00
38	H. Welch	1,000.00	1040	R. H. Hall	200.00
39	A. P. Lutz	1,000.00	1133	W. M. O'Sullivan	1,000.00
39	J. O. Gang	1,000.00	1135	W. E. Nowell	475.00
40	M. P. Caruso	1,000.00	1212	O. C. Grabow	1,000.00
48	C. P. Werner	1,000.00	1245	R. W. Austin	1,000.00
51	E. L. Ozle	1,000.00	1249	A. A. Bassard	150.00
55	T. O. Willoughby	475.00	1249	T. J. Rafferty	1,000.00
57	H. W. Jenkins	475.00	1303	F. McGee	1,000.00
58	H. H. Leonard	1,000.00	1564	G. F. Russell	475.00
77	W. C. Vratich	1,000.00	1701	L. P. Hayes	1,000.00
77	A. F. Kent	650.00	TOTAL		\$160,440.99

candles. In each bed the candles have been placed six in a row, graded from 6 feet high on the outside to five feet in the center. The candles, made of especially treated composition have gold base and tips and are topped with clear, flame-shaped, flickering bulbs to give the effect of true

candlelight. In the center of the Channel Gardens each of the four matched eight-foot yew trees have been topped with gold stars and trimmed with small firefly lights.

Talk about "a winter wonderland"—this is truly one and our members have contributed in a big way to make it so.

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Once more it is the Christmas season and once more men thrill to the joy of Christmastide, but it is joy tinged with sadness that many of our Brothers have passed on and did not live to see the dawn of the New Year. Dear Lord, Who so loved men that You left Your home in Heaven to be born in a lowly manger, have mercy on these our Brothers whose names are listed here. Take them home with Thee for the most joyful Christmas they have ever known.

And Kind Father, comfort their loved ones who mourn their loss. Teach them the real meaning and promise of Christmas so that they may no longer be sorrowful but content and at peace, in the anticipation of the life that is to come.

And at this Christmas time O Lord, visit us with the spirit of Thy abiding love, that the warm friendly feeling for all men that comes upon us at the Christmas time may remain with us all year through. Let us not be indifferent and callous to the needs and feelings of our Brothers everywhere. Little Babe of Bethlehem give us Thy love and Thy peace that the true Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, may come a little nearer to us all. Amen.

John M. Taylor, L. U. No. 28

Born July 5, 1873
Initiated September 13, 1917
Died October 17, 1952

Michael Carufo, L. U. No. 40

Born February 9, 1904
Initiated June 29, 1946
Died September 4, 1952

William C. Hancock, L. U. No. 66

Born July 9, 1894
Initiated January 7, 1943
Died October 5, 1952

C. E. Wilcox, L. U. No. 66

Born August 12, 1882
Initiated November 18, 1937
Died September 25, 1952

John Conrath, L. U. No. 110

Born February 3, 1878
Initiated November 1, 1918
Died October 2, 1952

Helen R. McInerney, L. U. No. 149

Born May 13, 1931
Initiated August 9, 1950
Died September 7, 1952

Richard D. Mason, L. U. No. 149

Born October 1, 1930
Initiated April 4, 1949
Died August 30, 1952

M. P. Guyon, L. U. No. 180

Born March 21, 1890
Reinitiated August 13, 1941
Died September 12, 1952

C. A. Hicks, L. U. No. 180

Born October 23, 1893
Initiated April 14, 1927
Died September 11, 1952

Frank Meder, L. U. No. 212

Born April 27, 1896
Initiated May 16, 1923
Died September 1, 1952

John Seibert, L. U. No. 212

Born August 16, 1871
Initiated July 13, 1904 in L. U. 235
Died August 27, 1952

Ernest W. Simonton, L. U. No. 212

Born February 26, 1882
Initiated August 17, 1903
Died August 28, 1952

Kenneth L. Palmer, L. U. No. 217

Born January 25, 1926
Reinitiated October 23, 1951
Died October 13, 1952

Claude A. Butterfield, Jr., L. U. 271

Born January 28, 1921
Initiated January 4, 1949
Died October, 1952

George A. Rasmussen, L. U. No. 276

Born March 28, 1902
Initiated March 1, 1943
Died July 21, 1952

Andrew Rep, L. U. No. 276

Born November 6, 1887
Reinitiated December 3, 1948
Died September 24, 1952

Elbert D. Oliver, L. U. No. 302

Born September 9, 1899
Initiated February 16, 1947 in L. U.
No. 1436
Died October 3, 1952

Melvin H. Rhodes, L. U. No. 326

Born October 6, 1909
Initiated March 4, 1942
Died September 17, 1952

Harold J. Moran, L. U. No. 328

Born January 6, 1901
Reinitiated October 21, 1927
Died October 26, 1952

N. P. Cadwallader, L. U. No. 332

Born April 23, 1898
Initiated August 4, 1925
Died September 20, 1952

Lee N. Johnson, L. U. No. 332

Born January 15, 1927
Initiated September 19, 1947
Died September 24, 1952

William Gibb, L. U. No. 339

Born February 13, 1881
Initiated March 4, 1927
Died July 29, 1952

Charles Hunter, L. U. No. 342

Born July 15, 1908
Initiated October 21, 1946
Died September 26, 1952

Benton D. Byrd, L. U. No. 349

Born April 22, 1932
Initiated August 16, 1951
Died September 11, 1952

Philip F. Kemper, L. U. No. 349

Born February 14, 1892
Initiated April 16, 1926
Died September 27, 1952

Charles E. Bertron, L. U. No. 367

Born October 31, 1899
Initiated November 25, 1940
Died September 18, 1952

Julius W. Champion, L. U. No. 428

Born January 16, 1887
Reinitiated November 7, 1941 in
L. U. No. 338
Died October 4, 1952

James J. Murphy, L. U. No. 456

Born March 23, 1893
Reinitiated December 14, 1923
Died September 11, 1952

Elmer Raymond Bales, L. U. No. 602

Born March 16, 1911
Initiated September 10, 1946
Died September 25, 1952

George Luther Johnson, L. U. No. 602

Born August 29, 1928
Initiated September 8, 1948
Died October 19, 1952

Bertrum H. Parker, L. U. No. 673

Born January 8, 1897
Reinitiated January 5, 1947
Died October 13, 1952

Wm. O. Lampton, L. U. No. 702

Born April 13, 1900
Initiated March 9, 1945
Died October 11, 1952

George Parrigin, L. U. No. 702

Born March 26, 1873
Initiated May 23, 1920
Died September 7, 1952

Walter J. Schmuck, L. U. No. 702

Born April 29, 1901
Initiated January 3, 1946
Died October 19, 1952

Philo W. Luzader, L. U. No. 713

Born February 18, 1902
Initiated October 10, 1949
Died October, 1952

Pryor M. Lovelady, L. U. No. 846

Born May 1, 1898
Initiated March 26, 1942
Died October, 1952

Louis A. Wetrosky, L. U. No. 880

Born February 21, 1907
Initiated May 2, 1952
Died September, 1952

Andrew Henderson, L. U. No. 1041

Born April 10, 1909
Initiated August 1, 1950
Died October 7, 1952

John H. Berte, L. U. No. 1061

Initiated June 1, 1937
Died September, 1952

Walter Eastwood, L. U. No. 1098

Initiated August 30, 1937
Died July 12, 1952

Charles McGeehan, L. U. No. 1098

Initiated November 4, 1941
Died September 6, 1952

Lester J. Clancey, L. U. No. 1245

Born November 24, 1895
Reinitiated July 1, 1952
Died September, 1952

Fred Deghi, L. U. No. 1245

Born April 23, 1883
Reinitiated April 1, 1952
Died September, 1952

Hubert A. Taylor, L. U. No. 1245

Born August 26, 1918
Reinitiated May 1, 1952
Died September, 1952

Isadorio E. DaRocha, L. U. No. 1450

Initiated July 28, 1945
Died September, 1952

Leslie R. Jost, L. U. No. 1459

Born June 17, 1928
Initiated December 23, 1946
Died October 21, 1952

Henry J. Nugent, L. U. No. 1470

Born July 12, 1894
Initiated January 18, 1949
Died October 2, 1952

Rita Daly, L. U. No. 1505

Born January 13, 1925
Initiated November 28, 1951
Died October 11, 1952

Ruth LaBonte, L. U. No. 1505

Born March 25, 1910
Initiated November 10, 1948
Died October 10, 1952

Yvonne Lord, L. U. No. 1505

Born October 3, 1904
Initiated December 26, 1951
Died October 14, 1952

Duncan MacLennan, L. U. No. 1505

Born July 30, 1888
Initiated September 13, 1949
Died October 20, 1952

Nick Ruiz, L. U. No. 1710

Born October 15, 1909
Initiated July 24, 1950 in L. U.
No. 11
Died October 26, 1952

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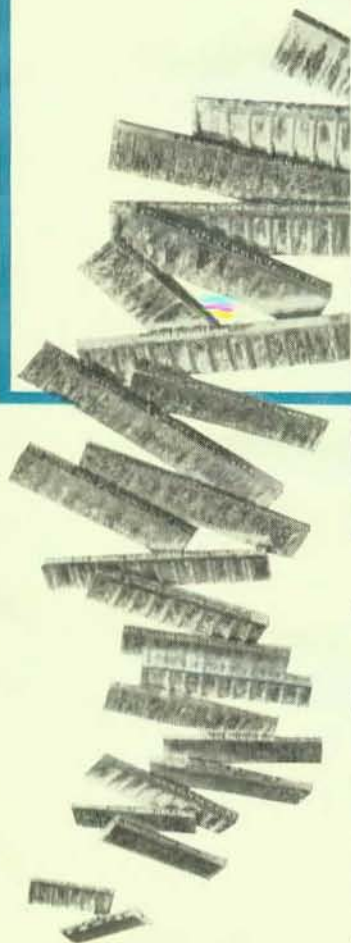
INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION



WOODRUFF RANDOLPH
President



DON HURD
Secretary-Treasurer



THIS year, 1952, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the International Typographical Union, and more than 100,000 active journeymen and apprentice members in 800 local unions have helped to celebrate the jubilee year.

It was on May 5, 1852 that the printers of this country formed what is now the International Typographical Union, for the "relief and benefit of the printing craft." And the Typographical Union has not only promoted fair working conditions, fair wages and fair standards of living for its own members, but as a predecessor to the majority of our unions and to the American Federation of Labor and a staunch defender of the rights of all workers through the years, it has done much to establish those conditions for others.

In 1850 the first national convention of typographical unions was held in New York City. And from this convention and resolutions adopted there, the National Typographical Union came into being in May of 1852.

Woodruff Randolph, president, and Don Hurd, secretary-treasurer, are the two top officers of this progressive union. They with three vice presidents compose the union's Executive Council, serving a two-year term.

